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BOSTON, JANUARY 1, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also present Engineer Putnam. The records of the meeting of December 24 were read and approved.

Mr. Putnam submitted a plan and estimate for building a street from North Harvard street to the Charles River Reservation, through the North Brighton Playground, on the lines suggested by the authorities of Harvard College. Mr.Putnam was directed to include in the estimate the cost of constructing the playground, and submit the same to the Mayor.

A communication from Alderman Gerry, asking when a committee of citizens of Ward 22 can see the Board, regarding a playground in Ward 22, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An application from the Roxbury Cricket Club for permission to play schedule games on Franklin Field through the season of 1901, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An application from James Mackrell for the golf concession formerly held by Willie Campbell, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Board passed the following act taking land for a playground: In Board of Park Commissioners, January 1, 1901.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 412 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and chapter 279 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, does hereby take for a playground a parcel of land in Boston supposed to belong to Rosie Rudnick and bounded northeasterly by North Bennet street by two lines 36 and 58/100 feet and 2 and 26/100 feet; southeasterly by Bennet avenue, 79 feet; southwesterly and southeasterly by land of the City of Boston by five lines, 21 and 88/100 feet, 10 and 60/100 feet, 6 and 60/100 feet, ~~and~~ 5 and 50/100 feet, and 17 feet; northeasterly by land now or formerly of Patrick J. Greene, 7 and 48/100 feet; northwesterly by said last mentioned land by two lines, 21 feet and 72 and 73/100 feet: containing 3328 square feet, more or less. Said parcel of land being shown on a plan for playground,signed by William Jackson,City Engineer,dated November 15,1900,and on file in the office of this Board.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
Jas. M.Prendergast,
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

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VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed January 1, 1901, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Rosie Rudnick, situate on North Bennet street and Bennet avenue, in the City of Boston, and containing 3328 square feet, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Rosie Rudnick the sum of twenty-nine thousand five hundred and sixteen and 54/100 dollars, upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for playgrounds.

Adjourned to January 8, 1901.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 8, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of January 1 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of a Committee of the Savin Hill Improvement Association, that the houses complained of are in a dilapidated and filthy condition, and ought to be removed; and that temporary bathing-closets of cheap, but neat, design be constructed, the use of which shall be free to the public under proper supervision; and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary notify Mr. F.J.Bassill that the Board will not renew the privilege granted him last year of renting bath and boat houses on Savin Hill Beach, and that all such houses must be immediately removed.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Mr. E. K. Pratt of damage to his boat at Savin Hill Beach; and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Pratt that the Board finds, that, under the circumstances, no liability attaches to the City, and therefore declines to pay damages.

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The Secretary submitted an agreement from the Massachusetts Historical Society to place restrictions upon certain land of the Society abutting upon the Fenway and Boylston Entrance, and being the lot shown and numbered five on a plan made by William H. Whitney, dated June 1, 1888, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Lib. 2032, following generally the form of restrictions already adopted by the Board as applicable to the Back Bay Fens, and providing also for the setting back of buildings fifteen feet from the exterior line of Boylston Entrance, with a provision permitting projections into said reserved space the sum of the bases of whose trapezoids upon the rear line of said space does not exceed seven-tenths of the whole front of the building nor twenty-four feet in any one case, also a stipulation that the present portico projecting from the front of the building of the Massachusetts Historical Society is permitted, and that ~~the~~ changes in said portico, exclusive of projection of cornice, extending no further into said reserved space than the present outer step, or ten feet three inches from the rear line of the aforesaid space, nor exceeding the present width of said portico, may be made with the approval of the Board, and that said portico may be used as a storm porch in such manner as the Board may approve.

The agreement was approved and it was

VOTED, that the present portico projecting from the front of the building of the Massachusetts Historical Society is permitted, and that any changes in said portico, exclusive of projection of cornice, shall not extend further than the present outer step or ten feet three inches from the front line of the building, nor exceed the present width of said portico, and that said portico may be used as a storm porch in such manner as this Board may approve.

Communications from the Water Commissioner in regard to measures being taken for the disposition of the stone formerly in the arch at Chestnut Hill Reservoir, also from the wire Commissioner in regard to overhead wires on Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Edwin Sawtell offering to sell the City a lot of land on Camden street, adjoining Columbus Avenue Playground, at a reasonable price, was received and referred to the Secretary to make an appointment with Mr. Sawtell.

A request of the new Algonquin Club for renewal of permit

for the erection of temporary awnings,at 217 Commonwealth avenue, was received and the Secretary was authorized to reissue annual permits for the year ending February 1, 1902.

Messrs Edward J. Flynn, L.Forest Hall, and James V.Devine, a committee of the Egleston Club of Egleston square, came before the Board and asked that the playground at Franklin Park be flooded for skating, for the reason that Jamaica Pond and Franklin Field were too far away to give the residents of their section of West Roxbury facilities for skating. The Board took the matter under consideration.

The Chairman was instructed to notify the petitioners in favor of giving physicians the privilege of using automobiles on the park roads at all hours.when on professional business, that the Board does not think it advisable to grant their request.

Mr. Barton, Executor of the Washington G. Benedict estate, came before the Board with reference to the boat service. As executor of the estate,he wanted to sell the property of the Boston Park Boat Service Company in order to close up the estate. The Company preferred to sell it to the City rather than to individuals, and he thought it was a business that could be run by the City without loss, and would be in accordance with public opinion, as the City Council has recommended that it be carried on by the City for public benefit. The Chairman stated that the Commissioners would confer with their Superintendent and look into the matter.

The Superintendent reported that their was no objection to giving the Roxbury Cricket Club a location on Franklin Field, and it was

VOTED, that the Roxbury Cricket Club be permitted to play cricket on Franklin Field, during the season of 1901, on grounds to be designated by the Superintendent of Parks.

Adjourned to January 16.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 10, 1901.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr.Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

VOTED, that there is no place at Franklin Field where a speedway can be constructed without interfering with the use of the Field as a playground.

VOTED, that the Chairman send a copy of this vote to the Mayor, with the request for the transfer of the appropriation for the speedway to general park construction.

Mr. Pratt voted in the negative.

VOTED, that, because of the dangerous conditions which attend skating on Leverett and Ward's ponds, in Olmsted Park, skating is prohibited there until further notice, and that the Chairman notify the police of the action of the Board and request the Brookline authorities to coöperate.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 16, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of January 8 were read and approved.

A request from Rev.Charles H. Talmadge for information which would aid him in his sociological studies, referred by Mayor Hart to the Board, was received and referred to the Secretary.

An order of the Common Council requesting that Dorchester-way, between Dorchester avenue and the N.Y.N.H.& H.R.R., be completed, was received and referred to the Superintendent of Streets.

A communication from Secretary Jenkins of the Board of Street Commissioners, relative to widening Walnut avenue, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Deputy Superintendent Emerson of the Sewer Division of the Street Department, requesting approval

of the plan for the construction of sewerage works in Brookline avenue, was received and it was

VOTED, to approve the crossing of the surface drain and small Muddy River conduit in Brookline avenue, in accordance with the plan accompanying said request.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, with accompanying plans showing changes necessary in the proposed widening and construction of Brookline avenue at its junction with the Parkway, was received and it was

VOTED, that the plan of proposed connection of Brookline avenue with Longwood Entrance and Riverway, dated January 1901, be approved.

A communication from Edwin Sawtell offering land on Camden street, at $1.50 per foot, was received and laid over.

A communication from W. W. Hibbard relative to the location of a playground in the vicinity of Ashmont and Lower Mills, Dorchester, was received and placed on file.

A petition for a playground at the corner of Centre and Walden streets, signed by John Bleiler and others, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent stated that the Bath Trustees desired to dredge out and widen the channel in front of the L-street bathhouse, and deposit the material in the hole excavated by Donovan at the head of Old Harbor, also to take sufficient sand from the latter place to make a good bottom for the bathing beach. The Superintendent recommended that they be allowed to do this, under the direction of the Board. It was thereupon,

VOTED, that the Bath Trustees, for the purpose of improving the bathing facilities at the L-street bathhouse, be authorized to dredge from the flats at Old Harbor, under the direction of this Board, and deposit the material in such places as this Board may designate.

The Superintendent reported that one of the steam rollers required a new set of driving wheels, and submitted a proposition from the Agent of the Company to furnish the same for $590, which he recommended be accepted, and it was

VOTED, that the proposition be accepted.

The Superintendent reported that more sanitary accommodation was needed at the Head House, Marine Park, that could be furnished by making some changes, which would cost about $90.00, and recommended an appropriation for that purpose. The Superintendent was authorized to do the work as recommended by him.

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The Secretary submitted a lease of the strip of land, fifty feet wide, adjoining the site of the South Boston Yacht Club, which had received the approval of the Club, and it was

VOTED, that the lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Patrick H. Costello came before the Board and asked for a modification of the restrictions upon his land at the junction of South street and Arborway, to permit of the erection of apartment houses costing $2500 per suite of apartments, also that the provision that buildings shall not be used for merchantile purposes be modified to permit a store at the corner. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

The Chairman submitted a form for an act to secure the reasonable use of property in the neighborhood of public parks, parkways and boulevards, with reference to the height and character of fences and advertisements thereon, which he suggested be brought to the notice of park commissioners in other cities, with a view of securing their coöperation in bringing the matter before the Legislature.

Mr. F. W. Howard, Chief of Architect's Division, Public Buildings Department, submitted a plan and elevation of the proposed new bathhouses to be erected at L-Street Beach, by the Bath Department. The plans were taken under advisement, and subsequently referred to the Superintendent for report.

Adjourned to January 22.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 22, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the meeting of January 16 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the petition of Patrick H. Costello, for a partial abatement of the restrictions governing the erection of buildings on his land abutting upon the Arborway, that many houses have been built in the immediate vicinity under

the existing restrictions, and that, in justice to the neighboring owners, it would seem desirable to maintain the restrictions, and that he could not recommend that the petition be granted.

The Superintendent reported on the plan of the Bath Department for new bathing houses on L-Street beach, that the buildings should be located as far from the driveway, and kept as low, as possible; and submitted a sketch for a location, which he recommended. The plan of location recommended by the Superintendent was approved, and he was instructed to confer with the architects as to details.

The Superintendent reported on the request of Chairman Lane of the Bath Trustees, for the transfer of North End Beach to the Bath Department, that nothing in the present arrangement prevents the Bath Trustees from asking for necessary appropriations, and that there would seem to be no need for a transfer of the property to the Bath Department. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the care and control of the bath houses and piers at North End Beach, including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15, 1901 to June 15, 1902, upon the following terms, namely:

1. The said baths and piers, beach and grounds, shall be open to this Board at all times, and the right is reserved to maintain a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier of the North End Beach, including the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at said landing.

2. The Bath Department shall keep said premises clean and well lighted, heated, watched, and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

A communication from the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society, transmitting the agreement of the Society to hold its land at the junction of the Fenway and Boylston Entrance subject to restrictions, was received and placed on file.

A communication from J. A. Durning, complaining of the bad condition of the paths in Olmsted Park, was received, together

with a report from the Superintendent, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Emergency & Hygiene Association, of the season's work at Charlesbank, was received and placed on file.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to provide facilities for skating at Charlesbank, and asking whether it is intended to have a bathhouse located on the Strandway near Mt.Vernon and Carson streets,for use during the coming season, were received together with reports from the Superintendent thereon, and were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of items of construction work desirable to be accomplished in 1901, aggregating $69,300, which was provisionally approved, on the understanding that no work should be done until ordered by the Board.

A hearing was given to Simon J. Donovan on his claim for extra compensation for work done by him under his contract for sea-wall and grading on the Strandway, and for delays suffered by him. Mr. Donovan was accompanied by his counsel, Mr.Philip J. Doherty, and by Alexander A. McGahey Jr.

Mr. Doherty, in opening, referred to Mr.Donovan's letter of October 22, 1897, in which Mr.Donovan complained of delay to his work caused by the Boston Yacht Club's refusal to remove its rafts, and letter of December 15, in which Mr.Donovan complained of delay of the Sewer Department to complete the sewer at Q street, as showing that there were delays long previous to January 13, 1898, the date the Engineer begins his allowance for these delays. He said that 150 days was much nearer right than the 45 days allowed by the Engineer, and claimed that the findings of the Engineer were erroneous in this particular. They were also manifestly erroneous in the allowance made per diem for delay of plant. He said that Mr.Putnam thought $22.00 was enough for the use of the plant, including Mr. Donovan's services, and referred to the price paid under contract, as shown by the evidence given in Mr.Donovam's claim. He said that there was no mutuality to the contract, and they must trust the Commissioners to show fairness.

In answer to Mr.Doherty's questions. Mr.Donovan stated that he was not able to carry on the work in his own way;he could not construct the wall along the whole front as he expected, in

order that filling material could be dumped without being washed away. Mr. Donovan said that he expected that as soon as the land was ready the Boston Yacht Club would move. He learned afterwards that the reason the Yacht Club did not move was because of a dispute between the Club and the Commissioners, as to who should pay the cost of removal. He was two months waiting for the sewer to be built after the platform was constructed.

Referring to Mr.Putnam's statement that Donovan could get in at the easterly end, he said it was erroneous, as the grade was too high to get a loaded scow through. He had to rehandle material on that account. Referring to his charging one hundred dollars a day for the dredging plant, Mr.Donovan said that he could not hire any elsewhere for less than two hundred dollars per day; he always got one hundred dollars for the small machine and one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the other. He practically cut the charge down one-half. Under the contract he had to give personal service, and would not value his services alone at less than ten dollars per day. The number of days allowed by Mr.Putnam for delay was entirely inadequate. He said the area given by Mr.Putnam was probably correct, but he ought to have six months' shrinkage on that kind of work, instead of only two months allowed by Mr.Putnam. He said that the extra haul on gravel, from the South Boston Yacht Club site to the westerly end of the work, would cost at least $4.00 per day. He had to dredge inside the wall, so that the material would slide after it was dumped over the wall. His not being allowed to build the wall practically stopped the work. If he had had a change to complete the wall, he would have saved one-third to one-half the cost of rehauling material.

Mr. Doherty, in closing, quoted letters of Donovan in regard to delay, to show that the Sewer Department blocked one end of his work,and the Yacht Club the other end; and referred to the fact that Mr.Donovan is asked to accept twenty-two dollars per day for his plant, which was required to lie idle. In conclusion,Mr.Doherty expressed the conviction that a very much larger sum than that allowed by Mr.Putnam would be required to adequately compensate Mr.Donovan for the loss sustained by him on account of these delays.

In answer to a question by the Chairman, as to what would be the expense for men and supplies to run the plant, if let out at $150.00 per day,Mr.McGahey said that they had to furnish

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two men with the dredger, also coal and provisions,- thirteen men altogether,- at an expense of $21.75 for wages and $18.00 for coal. The repairs would be averaged over a year's work, sometimes repairs would amount to more than the men's wages.

In answer to a question by Mr.Pratt, as to what the machine cost when not at work, Mr.Donovan replied,-"same money except the coal, as they could not let the men go." Mr Donovan further said that he thought the Board would take care of the thing; that he had lost about fourteen thousand dollars, and thought the Board should assume some responsibility for the delays and disadvantages under which he labored.

Adjourned to January 29.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 29, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr.Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of January 22 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that a smaller working force can finish all that can be done at Franklin Field,under present conditions, in fourteen days; and recommended a reduction of the working force by thirty men. The Superintendent's recommendation was adopted.

An order of the Common Council requesting that skating be permitted on the small pond at Marine Park, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from City Solicitor Thomas M.Babson regarding Mr.Gill's request for a larger abatement than the fifty per cent offered to him, on his betterment assessment, was received and placed on file.

A communication from J.Albert Brackett, Chairman of the Cemetery Department, regarding the placing of the Chestnut Hill arch at Mount Hope Cemetery, and requesting a conference with Engineer Putnam regarding the matter, was received and referred to Mr.Putnam to confer with the Cemetery Trustees.

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A communication from Mr.J.A.Durning again calling attention to the condition of the walks in Olmsted Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from R. S. Sturgis in regard to skating at Leverett pond, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Voted that the offer of Edwin Sawtell to sell a lot of land on Camden street, containing 2190 6/10 square feet, at $1.50 per square foot, be accepted.

The Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Boston Parks Boat Service Company to the fact that the sum required under the agreement for an extension of the concession had not been paid, and to inquire what the intentions of the Company are in regard to it.

A communication was sent to the Mayor requesting authority to petition the Legislature for the abandonment of all or any part of the Harvard College land taken for playground purposes; also a general law for similar purposes.

A communication was sent to the Mayor calling attention to the large amount of sewer and street laying out assessments levied on park lands, for which no appropriation is available, and suggesting that they be cancelled or that some provision be made to meet them.

The Chairman was instructed to notify the Civil Service Commissioners that the services of William E.C.Nazro, under his provisional appointment as assistant superintendent of parks, have not proved satisfactory, and that the Board has terminated his appointment and selected Mr.John W. Duncan for said position.

Adjourned to February 11.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 11, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of January 29 were read and approved.

Orders of the Common Council requesting that a temporary board walk be laid to the skating rink at Charlestown Playground, also requesting a report on the expediency and expense of providing a shelter and lavatory on M-street Playground, and requesting an estimate of the cost of providing and maintaining a menagerie on Franklin Park, or some other park, were received with reports from the Superintendent, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Orders of the City Council requesting the Board to flood Dorchester Park and keep the same in condition for skating; also to provide a suitable entrance to Franklin Field from Lyons street, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Superintendent of Streets for approval of location for a surface drain in Franklin Field, with reports of the Superintendent and Assistant Engineer thereon, were received and it was

VOTED, to approve the location of the proposed surface drain in Franklin Field, in accordance with plans submitted by the Superintendent of Streets with his letter of February 2, 1901, subject to the condition that the plan be modified to provide a satisfactory arrangement for turning the winter flow of the brook on to the Field to flood the skating pond, with an overflow into the conduit to prevent the pond rising above grade 60; and that intercepting tile drains be laid parallel to, and about fifteen feet from, the conduit, to collect the flow from the lateral tile drains and carry it across the conduit into the catch-basins of the system of surface drainage for the Field, as shown on the plan by C.E.Putnam, Assistant Engineer, of changes to be made in tile drains; also that all underdrains, if any are laid under the conduit, be left unconnected with the conduit and be cut off at Lyons street, to prevent draining the skating pond in winter.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets stating that the construction of catch-basins at the junction of May and Centre streets, also on the easterly side of Centre street,

about three hundred feet north of Allandale, have been ordered, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Civil Service Commission authorizing the provisional employment of John W. Duncan as assistant superintendent of Parks, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Joseph I. Stewart requesting that a playground be laid out on Wellesley Park, Dorchester, between Melville avenue and Park street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from William E. Sheldon, Treasurer, stating that the Boston Parks Boat Service Company does not desire to continue the business in the future; also request of John G. Benedict for a franchise to operate boats on Jamaica Pond and the Fenway, with such commercial privileges as were granted the Boston Parks Boat Service Company, were received. Mr.Benedict being present was given a hearing on his application, and stated that the way he became interested inthe matter was, that Mr. Barton, who represents the Benedict estate, asked him to help, which he did for one season, but concluded not to have anything to do with it the next season unless he could buy the boats and property belonging to the Company at the Fens and Jamaica Park, in which case he would take them off the Company's hands. This arrangement was carried out by vote of the Company, April 3, 1900, a copy of which vote Mr.Benedict exhibited, together with an agreement signed by Mr.Sheldon, agreeing to use his best efforts to have the Company's franchise at the Fens and Jamaica Pond turned over to Mr.Benedict. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement, and subsequently referred it to the Superintendent.

A request of Charles K. Abrahams,of Baltimore, for information as to the conduct of the Boston Parks golf links, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Board passed the following act taking land on Camden street for playground purposes:

In Board of Park Commissioners
February 11, 1901

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 412 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and chapter 279 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, does hereby take for a playground a par-

cel of land in Boston supposed to belong to Edwin Sawtell and bounded northeasterly by Camden street 20 and 57/100 feet; southeasterly by land now or formerly belonging to the Heirs or Devisees of Silas Peirce, 106 and 62/100 feet; southwesterly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a playground, 20 and 57/100 feet; northwesterly by land supposed to belong to the United States Cordage Company, 106 and 37/100 feet; containing 2190 and 6/10 square feet, more or less; and being shown on a plan made by the C. H. W. Wood Company, Surveyors, dated April 17, 1899, on file in the office of this Board.

Charles E. Stratton
Laban Pratt
Jas. M. Prendergast
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed February 11, 1901, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Edwin Sawtell situate on Camden street, in Boston, and containing 2190 and 6/10 square feet, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Edwin Sawtell the sum of thirty-two hundred and eighty-five and 90/100 dollars, upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses, arising or in any way growing out of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

The Chairman submitted a letter from H.C.Goodwin,requesting that he be given further time in which to remove his lunch cart from Charlestown Playground, and a report from the Superintendent recommending that he be allowed a month in which to seek a new location. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, to allow H. C. Goodnow to retain his lunch cart at Charlestown Playground until March 1, at the same rent that he has been paying the Tufts estate.

Mr. Frank L. Wells came before the Board in behalf of James J. Costello's application for a modification of the restrictions upon his lot of land at the junction of South street and Arborway. Mr. Wells stated that the restrictions bore hard upon this lot on account of its situation and operated to prevent

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Mr. Costello from disposing of it. About 2500 feet are restricted against being built upon at all, and the restrictions as to value of house, particularly a two or three family house, is practically prohibitive against using the land for this purpose. Mr. Wells cited the seven-room two-family houses erected on Kenmore Road, costing $5500 to build, as the highest value in apartment houses which it would pay to build in this location, and said that, if Mr.Costello spends $6000 or $6500 for the construction of a three-flat house he would be spending more than any one else in the City of Boston for that class of house. Mr. Wells' attention was called to the fact that wooden apartment houses are not permitted under the restrictions, and, in answer to a question as to what value he would place on a brick apartment house, answered that they would not object to $7000 for a three-flat house. The Chairman stated,that, as other people had bought land and built houses under the restrictions, the Board would not feel justified in acting on Mr.Costello's petition without giving these parties a hearing, which action the Board would consider at a later date.

Adjourned to February 19.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 19, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Petttigrew. The records of the meeting of February 11 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that to remove the stone gate posts and high parapet wall at the Forest Hills entrance bridge, and to run the coping continuous with that on the arch, would cost three hundred dollars, and that the stone could be used to advantage in the construction of a sanitary building. It was, thereupon

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to remove the gate posts and parapet wall, and to dispose of the stone in the manner recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the claim made by

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E. A. Mutel against Contractor Patrick McGovern, and the Secretary was directed to reply to Mrs. Mutel's letter of February 7, that the Board is obliged to refer her to Mr.McGovern.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of John G. Benedict for the franchise to rent boats at the Fens and Jamaica Pond, recommending that the concession be granted for the season of 1901, without charge, on condition that the boats used in the service shall be subject to the approval of the Department, and that no confectionery, fruits, etc.,be sold. It was, thereupon

VOTED, that, with the approval of the Mayor, the rights and privileges heretofore granted to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company, of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service in the waters of the Back Bay Fens and Jamaica Pond, for the year 1901, be granted to John G. Benedict, together with the right to sell light refreshments, including confectionery and fruit, except bananas, watermelon, and unshelled peanuts; on condition that he furnish an equipment of boats and furniture and landing facilities equal to those furnished by the Boston Parks Boat Service Company: all of said service to be under the supervision and control of the Superintendent of Parks and to be carried on to the satisfaction of the Board; the right to sell refreshments to be subject to revocation on evidence of any untidiness about the premises.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Alderman Joseph I. Stewart that a playground be laid out on Wellesley Park, Dorchester, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to Alderman Stewart's communication.

The Superintendent reported that James C.Steinebrey is still unable to come to work, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to continue Mr. Steinebrey's name on the pay roll, at half-pay, until April 1.

The Superintendent reported that Martin Feeley had broken one of the bones in his leg on February 15, while at work, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to continue Feeley's name on the pay roll, at half-pay, for five weeks.

The Superintendent reported that the work of removing stones from the surface of Franklin Field has been completed, which will necessitate the suspension of thirty or forty men, unless the Board authorizes the removal of the old stone walls, which might afford work for two weeks more.

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The Superintendent submitted a report with plans and estimates of cost of establishing a playground on land at Centre and Walden streets, Jamaica Plain. The matter was referred back to the Superintendent for new estimates of the cost of preparing the ground in the simplest manner for use as a playground.

An order of the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of constructing the West Roxbury Parkway, with a report and estimate from the Superintendent, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Executive circular, number 16, relating to annual reports, was received and placed on file.

A communication from P. H. Costello requesting early action on his request for a modification of the restrictions on his land at the junction of Arborway and South street, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Joseph Lee in behalf of a committee of the Civic League, requesting authority to carry on a playground at the Playground on Prince Street, was received and it was

VOTED, to give the Committee of the Civic League authority to carry on a playground at the Prince street grounds, for this season, subject to revocation at any time by the Board.

VOTED, that the North End Playground, so-called, be named Prince Street Playground.

An application of Bernard Nicholls for the golf concession lately held by Willie Campbell, at Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from City Auditor James H. Dodge, informing the Board that the Mayor had declined to sign the draft in favor of Obrion & Russell, for insurance, was received and referred to the Chairman.

The Secretary was directed to ask the Law Department, whether, under the agreement of May 16, 1898, the Boston Parks Boat Service Company can be held to the performance of the conditions of said agreement.

Adjourned to February 25.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 25, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of February 19 were read and approved.

A request of the Board of the Board of Trustees of the South Boston Yacht Club for permission to issue bonds for not less than $8000, for proposed extension to the club-house, transmitted through the Secretary of the Club, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of the Committee on Charlesbank of the Massachusetts Emergency & Hygiene Association for approval of their nomination of Miss Brigham for the position of assistant superintendent of the Women's gymnasium, was received and it was

VOTED, that Miss Agnes Otis Brigham be appointed assistant superintendent at Charlesbank, in place of Miss Burchenal, resigned, and at the same salary.

A communication from Warren P. Dudley, Secretary Massachusetts Civil Service Commission, regarding the provisional appointment of Mr. Duncan as assistant superintendent of parks, was received and it was

VOTED, that John W. Duncan be appointed assistant superintendent of Parks, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

The Secretary stated that the Corporation Counsel held that it was optional with the Boston Parks Boat Service Company to pay the amount provided for in the agreement of May 16, 1898, and go on with the business or to abandon it.

The following form of advertisement was adopted for publication, limited to one insertion in each of the daily papers:

NOTICE to owners of teams.- Horses and carts will be hired, in the Park Department, for the coming season, as follows only: Blanks will be furnished on application at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain, which must be filled out by the applicant and left at the office of said Board on or before 1 P.M. of Saturday, March 9, 1901. Applications will be received only from citizens and tax-payers of Boston, actual owners of suitable teams, February 25, 1901, and assessed therefor May 1, 1900. The Park Commissioners reserve the right to reject any application at their discretion. On the 19th of March, at 3 o'clock P.M.,numbers will be publicly

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drawn by lot at the office of the Board, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain, and teams will thereafter be hired in the order of the numbers drawn, but no team discharged for cause other than lack of work shall keep its number; nor will any team be employed unless the driver is at least twenty-two years of age and otherwise satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, nor unless its equipment is first class and in all respects satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, nor unless the owner can show a paid tax bill for personal property for 1900. All applicants of last year, whose applications are on file in the Department will be permitted to apply for work in writing on a blank furnished by the Department, which will be mailed to the addresses given in said applications. All persons entitled thereto, who, from change of address or otherwise, do not receive said blanks, must apply in person, or send notice to the Department, on or before said March 9.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
James M.Prendergast.
Commissioners.

Adjourned to March 6.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, MARCH 6, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M.. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of February 25 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted his annual report of work performed in the Department for the year 1900, also annual report of Assistant Engineer Putnam, and report of the attendance and work of the Charlesbank gymnasium during the past year.

The Superintendent submitted some correspondence of Mrs. K. G. Wells in regard to the continuance,of the women's and girls' classes at Charlesbank, until April 15, and recommended that Mrs. Wells' suggestion be complied with. It was,thereupon

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VOTED, to continue the women's and girls's classes at Charlesbank until April 15.

The Superintendent reported on the request of Councilman Hugh J. Young, that the Bath Commission be permitted to place one or more booths at the junction of Carson and Mt.Vernon streets, Strandway, for bathing purposes, recommending that the request be granted; and the Secretary was directed to notify Councilman Young that the Board is willing to give the Bath Department the privilege he asks for.

The Superintendent submitted a report of Engineer Putnam on the application of the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Company, for leave to place a bulkhead across the dock to the park wall, at North End Beach, and to fill the enclosed area, which he approved. The report was laid over till the next meeting.

Executive circular, number 17, requesting a report of the number of employees now in the service of the department, who entered the service previous to January 1, 1881, was received, and a report was sent to the Mayor.

A communication from G. L. Perkins, Trustee, regarding granolithic sidewalk at 445-461 Audubon road, was received and a reply made; see Letter Book 8 1/2 p.

A communication from John W. Duncan accepting the position of assistant superintendent of parks, was received and placed on file.

A copy of the vote of the Brookline Park Commissioners designating as Olmsted Park that part of the system lying between Pond avenue in Brookline and Olmsted Park in Boston, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Henry H. Read offering land of Mrs. Wade at Chestnut Hill, for an addition to Chestnut Hill Park, was received and placed on file.

Communications from A. E. Pillsbury regarding teaming at Charlesgate, and from Joseph A. Conry relative to proposed change of name of Wood Island Park to John H. Sullivan Park, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company regarding the removal of guy wires at Neponset Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Joseph Lee, Secretary, in behalf of the Committee of the Civic League which last year carried on a playground at North End Beach, requesting authority to carry on

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a playground during the current year at the Columbus Avenue grounds, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Committee of the Civic League be given authority to carry on a playground at the Columbus Avenue grounds, subject to revocation at any time.

VOTED, that S. I. Hudgens be given permission to keep burros and ponies for hire on Franklin and Marine Parks, on Sundays and holidays, during the present season, provided the burros, equipments, and locations are approved by the Superintendent of Parks.

VOTED, that the salary of Emma W. Bumstead, stenographer, be increased from sixty to sixty-five dollars per month, to take effect March 1, 1901.

VOTED, that the plans for new bath-houses to be erected on the Strandway at L street, by the Bath Department, submitted by the Architect's Division of the Public Buildings Department, be approved.

Adjourned to March 15.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, MARCH 15, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of March 6 were read and approved.

The Superintendent recommended, that, in view, of the near approach of spring, he be authorized to place the men on full time, and make necessary drafts on the suspended list, whenever, in his judgment, conditions will permit of construction work being taken up. The matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted estimates for the partial completion, and completion of playgrounds, which were laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Franklin Park golf links, recommending an increase of six in the number of holes. The Superintendent's recommendation was adopted, and he was authorized to lay out the additional holes, at an estimated expense of four hundred dollars.

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The Superintendent submitted the report of Assistant Engineer Putnam, on the application of the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Trust for permission to construct the bulkhead of its extension, across the dock to the park wall, at North End Beach, suggesting that the Trustees be required to furnish a plan of the proposed bulkhead; and the Chairman was instructed to request the Trustees to submit such a plan.

Common Council orders, with reports from the Superintendent, requesting that this Department allow $5.00 for double teams and $3.00 for single teams employed in the Department, for each day of eight hours; also that the provisions of the eight-hour law be carried out in the case of teamsters employed in the Department, were received and laid over.

A communication from the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission stating its purpose to remove a storage building from Charlestown Playground, was received and placed on file.

Executive circular, number 18, respecting the granting of a holiday on March 18 to all City employees whose services can be dispensed with, was received and placed on file. Subsequently the Board agreed to the granting of a half-holiday, in accordance with a further order of the Mayor closing City Hall at 12 M. on that day.

A communication from A. E. Pillsbury, acknowledging the placing of a sign against traffic on Charlesgate West, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Massachusetts Civic League for the development of the Prince Street Playground on lines suggested by it, or others that may seem best adapted for the purpose; also acknowledgment of the permission granted it to carry on a playground at Columbus Avenue Playground, were received and placed on file.

An estimate of the Printing Department on fifty pages of index of the past twenty-five annual reports was received, and the Secretary was authorized to print the same with the annual report.

A communication from W. R. Addicks, requesting information regarding the cutting through of Shelburne street to Columbia Road, was received and a reply made. (See Letter Book 8, p. 774.

A communication from Joseph M. Wade complaining of the condition of the sidewalk on Columbia Road and the slopes on the land of William R. Clark, adjoining his property, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

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A communication from P. H. Costello with reference to restrictions on his land corner of South street and Arborway, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets with regard to the construction of the Stony Brook conduit in the Back Bay Fens, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Board of Police stating that they have given instructions to their officers not to permit the use of the lawn on Commonwealth avenue as a playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication was sent to the Mayor requesting his consent to the employment of A.W.Longfellow Jr., to design a number of small shelter and sanitary buildings in the parks.

VOTED. that the pay of Arthur Ogden, clerk, be increased from $39.00 per month to $52.00 per month.

Adjourned to March 20.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 20, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of March 15 were read and approved.

A request of the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to play cricket at Wood Island Park, during the season of 1901, was received and it was

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park, for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1901.

Plans from Messrs Maginnis, Walsh, and Sullivan for an extension of the South Boston Yacht Club building, to include bowling alleys and lockers, were received and referred to Prof. Chandler, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

A request of John Bleiler for a hearing on his petition for a playground for Ward 22, was received and the Secretary was

directed to give notice of a hearing, on Tuesday, March 26, at 3 P.M.,at 64 Pemberton square.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, stating that he was having plans prepared for the new Stony Brook conduit, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Henry H. Read regarding land of Margaret Wade at Chestnut Hill, was received and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with Mr.Read.

Communications from W. R. Addicks acknowledging the receipt of information from the Board regarding Shelburne street, and from the Trustees of the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Trust regarding plan of proposed bulkhead at North End Beach, and from the Mutual District Messenger Company giving notice of the removal of wires crossing Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

A request of a Committee representing the cities of Somerville, Medford, Malden, and Everett that this Board exert its influence against the granting of a liquor license at Sullivan square, in the saloon known as "The Tap,"opposite Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

VOTED, to hear persons interested in the construction of a Speedway at Franklin Field, on Tuesday, April 2, at 3 P.M.,at 64 Pemberton square.

An order of the Common Council in regard to the pay of teams employed on park work, was taken from the table and placed on file.

The Superintendent's report requesting authority to place the men on full time, and making necessary drafts on the suspended list,when conditions will permit of construction work being done, was taken from the table and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to put the force now employed on maintenance work, on full time, beginning on Friday.

A communication from A.W.Longfellow,Jr.,in regard to utilizing the Schoolmaster Hill shelter for a golf house, with plan showing the changes proposed, and estimates therefor amounting to $2,137.00, excluding plumbing, was received and referred to the Superintendent to have working plans made preparatory to advertising for proposals for doing the work.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow,Jr.,recommending the removal of the trellis work of the pergola at Schoolmaster Hill,

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except the two bays leading up to the roofed shelter, the taking down and capping over of the rest of the piers in the parapet wall, such stone as is not necessary for the changes proposed to be used in the construction of a sanitary building nearby, was received and it was

VOTED, to authorize the work to be done in connection with the alteration of the shelter for a golf house and locker room.

A communication from P. H. Costello with reference to his request for a modification of the restrictions on his lot of land at the junction of Arborway and South street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Adjourned to March 26.

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BOSTON, MARCH 26, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office, 64 Pemberton square, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of P.H.Costello for a modifications of the restrictions on his lot of land at the corner of Arborway and South street, with accompanying reports from Engineer Putnam, which were laid over.

A report from the Superintendent on construction work, with recommendation, was received and laid over.

A report from the Superintendent recommending the acceptance of a proposition from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, to place the telephone wires at Wood Island Park underground, was received and it was

VOTED, that the offer of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for placing wires underground, and under the bridge, at Wood Island Park, for the sum of $125, be accepted.

A report of the Superintendent on a petition of a "Committee of Twenty", regarding the granting of a license to sell intoxicating liquors to a saloon situated on Alford street, Charlestown, and known as "The Tap", was read; also a petition from W. H. Howes, 127 Franklin street, Allston, asking the Board to object to the granting of a license to Delia J. and Mary Murphy,

305 Western avenue, and to William C.Krauth and William Hegarty, 275 Western avenue, Brighton; and the Chairman was instructed to inform the Police Commission that this Board is opposed to the granting of licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in premises opposite or adjoining any of the parks or playgrounds under its jurisdiction.

A communication from the Mayor approving the employment of A. W. Longfellow, Jr.,as architect for the small shelter and sanitary buildings which it is proposed to erect in the parks, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Superintendent of Streets for a conference at the Mayor's office, with regard to the construction of Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Chairman.

An inquiry of Councilman John J.Mullen as to the laying out of base-ball diamonds at Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the Resident Physician of the Massachusetts General Hospital,that their ambulance be allowed to use the park roads,was received and it was

VOTED, that the request of the Resident Physician of the Massachusetts General Hospital,to allow their ambulance to drive on the park roads at all times, be granted.

A request from the South Boston Yacht Club for permission to place some rafts on the beach for repairs, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from P.J.Lynch, of the Editorial Department of the Boston Post, relative to landing facilities at City Point, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A public hearing was given to persons interested in the selection of a playground site in Ward 22. A report of the hearing is on file.

Adjourned to April 2.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 2, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt. Mr. Prendergast came in after the Board had reorganized. Also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Board reorganized for the year. On motion of Mr.Pratt that the Board proceed to the election of a chairman, Mr.Pratt voted for Mr. Stratton; Mr. Stratton voted for Mr.Stratton. On motion of Mr. Pratt that the Board proceed to the election of a chairman pro tem.,Mr. Stratton voted for Mr. Pratt; Mr.Pratt voted for Mr.Pratt. On motion of Mr. Pratt that the Board proceed to the election of a secretary, Mr.Pratt voted for George F. Clarke; Mr. Stratton voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that Mr.Prendergast act as chairman pro tem.,and be authorized to approve drafts and bills, during the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro tem.

The Superintendent reported that the time limit for half-pay for Mr.Steinebrey had expired, and desired to know if it should be further extended, in view of past long and faithful service; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to continue Mr.Steinebrey's name on the pay rolls, on half-time, to May 1.

Orders of the City Council requesting that an open-air gymnasium be constructed on Billings Field, and that a hand-ball court be located and maintained on Columbus Avenue Playground; also orders of the Common Council requesting that a hand-ball court be laid out on Mystic Playground, that an ice-water fountain be placed on Columbus Avenue Playground, that an open-air gymnasium and playground be provided for Ward 19, and requesting that the Board report to the Council the plans laid out and the improvements it recommends for First Street Playground, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from Prof.Chandler recommending the approval of the plans for an extension of the South Boston Yacht Club house; also a report disapproving the design submitted by Arthur H. Bowditch for an apartment house on Boylston Entrance, adjoining the Massachusetts Historical building, recommending that the plans be returned for revision. The latter report was referred to the Chairman to notify Mr.Bowditch of Mr.Chandler's objection to his design.

A communication with accompanying plans from the Superintendent of Streets requesting approval of changes necessary by

proposed construction of Bennington street to connect with Neptune Road, also Moseley street with Columbia Road, and Perkins street with Jamaicaway, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from E. N. Foss and Clifford Devens requesting that work be resumed on the section of West Roxbury Parkway, from Anawan avenue to Washington street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of Joseph B. Gould, on behalf of a number of residents of Ward 22, for an informal conference of the Board with a committee representing them, concerning the proposed playground in said Ward; also a communication from M. J. Murray, on behalf of the Forest Hill Associates, suggesting land lying between Washington street and Brookside avenue, south of Boylston street, Jamaica Plain, as a site for a proposed playground, were received and laid over.

A communication from the Board of Police stating that they will arrange with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to place their signal wire running to Wood Island Park in the underground conduit with the Telephone Company's wires, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to begin construction work, in accordance with his report of March 15.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend $1200 for improvement of bridle-path crossings on the parkways.

The Superintendent presented a letter which he had received from W.E.Sheldon stating, that the party who ran the boat service at Charlesbank last year desired to get the privilege of letting boats there the coming season. The matter was referred to the Superintendent.

A petition from Joseph I. Stewart and others, residents of Dorchester, including members of the Dorchester High School Athletic Association, and Dorchester Athletic Association, asking that suitable provision be made for seating a part, at least, of the large audiences who come to the games at Christopher Gibson Playground, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent provide seats in accordance with said petition.

A public hearing was given at 3 P.M. to the remonstrants against the location of a speedway on Franklin Field, Commissioners Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast being present. A stenographic report of the hearing is on file.

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BOSTON, APRIL 3, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meetings of March 20 and 26 and April 2 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of Messrs W. N. Foss and Clifford Devens asking for the construction of a roadway between Centre and Washington streets, West Roxbury Parkway, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to said communication.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase two buggy horses for the use of the Department.

A communication from Deputy Superintendent Hammond of the Street Watering Division, requesting leave to erect a standpipe in Hereford street at Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant the request, the Superintendent to arrange with the Street Department with regard to the location of the proposed standpipe.

A petition of the Board of Trustees of the South Boston Yacht Club for permission to erect an extension to its clubhouse, in accordance with plans prepared by Messrs Maginnis, Walsh, and Sullivan, was received and laid over pending the completion of the working plans.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow, Jr., submitting estimates for converting the Schoolmaster Hill shelter into a golf house, was received and it was

VOTED, that the bid of A. Hathaway's Sons for mason and carpenter work be accepted, without the allowance for stone.

Protests against the location of a speedway on Franklin Field were received from Messrs H. P. Bowditch, W. T. Councilman, John B. Blake, and others.

The Superintendent stated that he and Mr. Putnam had looked over the plans submitted by the Superintendent of Streets for the connection of streets with Jamaicaway, Neptune Road, and Columbia Road, and recommended that they be approved, and it was

VOTED, that the plans for proposed connection of Bennington street with Neptune Road, Moseley street with Columbia Road, and Perkins street with Jamaicaway, submitted by the Superintendent of Streets with his letter of March 30, 1901, be approved.

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The Superintendent was instructed to look at the sites suggested for playgrounds in wards 19 and 22, and report.

A communication from James H. Stark suggesting the necessity of improving Savin Hill Beach and Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from J. M. Sears suggesting the erection of fences on the bridle path, near high embankments, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent was requested to report on the suggestions made by the Playground Committee of the Civic League for improving Prince Street and Columbus Avenue Playgrounds.

The following proposals for uniforms were received:

	Coats.	Pants.	Shirts.		Hats.	
Spitz Bros. & Mork,	$0.75	$0.68	#1	$0.42 1/2	#1	$0.35
			#2	.39 1/2	#2	.37 1/2
					#3	.40
Oak Hall Clothing Co.,	$1.82 (coat & pants)					
				.40		.40
L.Morse & Co.,	1.00	.95		.42		.42
A.Shuman & Co.,				.50		.50

and it was

VOTED, that the bid of Spitz Bros. & Mork be accepted, including their #2 shirt and #3 hat.

The following proposals for grass seed, with a report from the Superintendent recommending that the award be made to R.& J.Farquhar & Company for Kentucky blue grass, at 9 1/2 ¢, and red top, at 11 1/2 ¢; and to Joseph Breck & Sons for clover, at 14 ¢. were received:

	Ky.Blue.	Red Top.	Clover.
Thomas J. Grey & Company,	11	11	12
Schlegel & Fottler,	10	10	15 1/2
Joseph Breck & Son,	12	11	14
R.& J. Farquhar & Company,	9 1/2	10 1/2	16
		11 1/2	
		12	

and it was

VOTED, to accept the bids in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, APRIL 15,1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report in relation to providing landing facilities at Pleasure Bay, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted reports on Mr.Joseph Lee's suggestions for improvements at the Prince Street and Columbus Avenue Playgrounds, also on Alderman Tinkham's letter to him regarding sewerage in the Fens, and on Mr.Stark's letter regarding Savin Hill Playground.

The Superintendent submitted a list of men now out of the employ of the Department still owing for uniforms, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to cancel the balances due from them for uniforms.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Margaret P. Russell, for permission to place a drinking fountain at the corner of Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase a buggy for the use of the Department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed taking of Berners Square, as recommended by R. E. Townsend, and the matter was laid over.

Orders of the Common Council requesting that the electric lights be transferred to the tennis courts at Franklin Field, for evening use the coming season; that the Board provide additional settees at Marine Park; and that the golf links at Franklin Park be put in condition for use, and that a public hearing be given to receive suggestions for improvements and the laying out of new links, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Park Board of New York relating to the statute regulating the height and character of fences and advertising structures adjoining public parks, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the office of Public Buildings and Grounds of the War Department, requesting information regarding public parks in this city, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of the Street Commissioners for approval of plan for widening Walter street on park grounds, was received and

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referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Civic League regarding the appointment of instructors and the making of rules for conducting the Columbus Avenue and Prince Street Playgrounds, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Requests of Walter H. Browne for information as to the placing of slot machines on the parks, and of Dana Estes Jr. for change in automobile permit, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A petition from Rev.John.J. Frawley and others,for a playground in Ward 19, was received and laid over.

A number of protests against a speedway at Franklin Field were received and placed on file.

Notices to vacate premises at Savin Hill Playground were approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman.

A communication from C. S. Sergeant, Vice President Boston Elevated Railway Company, regarding teams crossing the Columbia Road reservation, was received and placed on file, and the Chairman requested to write the Police Board on the subject.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of July 10, 1899,amending the rules adopted for the use and government of the public parks and boulevards be rescinded.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of June 26, 1899,amending the rules adopted for the use and government of the public parks and boulevards be amended by striking out the words,- or between sunset and sunrise without a suitable light.

VOTED, that the rules adopted August 20, 1896, for the use and government of the public parks and boulevards, as amended February 6, June 12, and June 26, 1899, so far as the same are applicable to Dorchesterway, be extended to and adopted for that part of the parkway of Columbia Road lying between Franklin Park and Edward Everett square.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 23, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report and estimate of the cost of erecting fences along the bridle path in accordance with Mr. Sears' suggestions, and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent for further consideration.

The Superintendent submitted a report and estimate of cost of extending the park service road,at the Tremont Entrance to the Fens,across land of the Howard National Bank; and the Chairman was instructed to communicate with Mr.Frederic E. Snow, in answer to his letter of April 8 to Mr.Prendergast, in regard to the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter of Mr. Bell, inquiring if the scow at the public landing at Marine Park cannot be removed to allow Mr.Hutchins to put out his floats; and the Chairman replied to Mr.Bell's letter.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the City Council orders,referred to him at the last meeting, requesting the transfer of electric lights to the tennis courts at Franklin Field, that a hearing be given in regard to new golf links at Franklin Park, and that additional seats be provided at Marine Park, recommending that two hundred dollars be appropriated for the latter object. The Superintendent was authorized to furnish the additional seats, and the various matters were referred to the Chairman to reply to the City Council through the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the appropriations made from the construction fund, and on the letter of Representative Harrington, of April 15, requesting the reemployment of John Walsh and John Grimlisk, also a report recommending advances in salaries and wages of several employees of the Department. The latter report was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communications of Mr.Joseph Lee, Secretary of the Playground Committee of the Civic League, recommending the making of rules and the appointment of instructors for conducting the Columbus Avenue and Prince street playgrounds, etc., recommending that the Committee's requests be granted, except with regard to completing the grading of the playground, which cannot be done until an appro-

priation is made for the purpose. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, to appoint Charles T. Murdock and H. A. Dame as instructors at the Columbus Avenue Playground, without pay.

VOTED, that the following rules be adopted for the use and government of the Columbus Avenue Playground:

1. All persons on the Playground shall obey the directions of the instructors.

2. Preference will be given in the use of the ball fields to regularly organized teams who have secured permits.

3. In the granting of permits, and in the general use of the grounds and apparatus, preference will be given to boys below seventeen years of age.

A communication from P. H. Costello regarding a hearing on his petition for a modification of the restrictions on his lot corner of South street and Arborway, was received. The time and place for a hearing was fixed for 3.30 P.M., April 29, at 64 Pemberton square, and the Secretary was directed to notify owners of land subject to similar restrictions of said hearing.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow, recommending that A. Hathaway's Sons' estimate for changes in Schoolmaster Hill shelter, to fit the same for a golf house, be accepted, was received and laid over.

A communication from the Massachusetts Historical Society requesting an opportunity to present the views of the Society regarding the erection of a proposed building on land adjoining their lot, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from John P. Leahy requesting a rebate of six cents per square foot on granolithic walk on Columbia Road, between Pond street and Dorchester avenue, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to approval of plans for constructing Columbia Road was received. The Superintendent submitted plans showing proposed changes in the plans, which he recommended to be made, and the Superintendent was directed to confer with the Superintendent of Streets in regard to the proposed changes.

A request of L. E. Bow for the privilege of conducting a stand for light refreshments, confectionery, and soda-water, at the new steam-boat landing at Marine Park, was received and laid over.

A communication from the Municipal Library, Chicago, regarding

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the bill-board ordinance passed by the City Council of Chicago, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Margaret P. Russell to the Chairman, asking the Board to assist her in choosing a location for the drinking fountain proposed to be erected from funds bequeathed by Ellen C. Johnson, was received and laid over.

The report of the Superintendent regarding a platform and other landing facilities at Pleasure Bay was taken from the table and referred to the Superintendent to obtain proposals for constructing the same.

The Superintendent's report on the proposed taking of Berners square for a playground was taken from the table, and the Superintendent was directed to prepare a plan of the square.

Mr. F. E. Granger, Vice Commodore Columbia Yacht Club, submitted sketches of a proposed locker building, to cost about $1000, which the Club desired to erect on the land which it is proposed to lease to the Club. The matter was referred to the Superintendent for report.

A statement from James P. McShane of receipts and expenditures at the Franklin Park refectory, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 29, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the plan of locker building for the Columbia Yacht Club, recommending some changes, and the Secretary was directed to return the plans to the Club for amendment.

A communication from Frederick O. Woodruff, submitting a plan and request of the Trustees of the Boston Water Power Company and Augustus P. Loring, Trustee, for permission to enter a new street into Tremont Entrance, asshown on the plan presented

therewith, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Mr. M. M. Cunniff came before the Board and stated that his wife, by his advice, had bought the Wade land on Commonwealth avenue, adjoining the Chestnut Hill Reservoir lands, and intended to erect a number of apartment houses similar to those on Francis street, which would rent for twenty or twenty-five dollars per month. The Commissioners stated that they had been considering the taking of some of the land for park purposes, and asked Mr. Cunniff to confer with the Secretary and Superintendent as to the land which it is desirable to acquire and the price at which he would sell it.

A communication was received from Professor F. W. Chandler, in relation to the plans for the extension of the South Boston Yacht Club House, and it was

VOTED, to approve the plans for the extension of the South Boston Yacht Club house, submitted by Maginnis, Walsh, and Sullivan, architects, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

In answer to advertisement, applications were received from Daniel F. Casey for the boat service at Marine Park, for five years, offering to pay one hundred and fifty dollars per year; and from Ernest L. Higgins for the boating privilege at Charlesbank, including the privilege of selling soda and confectionery, offering to pay fifty dollars for the season. The proposals were laid over; Mr. Gabriel Farrell who offered to pay sixty dollars for the Charlesbank privilege being given an opportunity to put his proposal in writing.

A hearing was held on the petition of Patrick H. Costello, for a modification of the restrictions upon his land at the corner of Arborway and South street, so as to permit of the erection of brick apartment houses of a less cost than $4000 per suite of apartments. Mr. Costello stated that the situation of his land was such that the restrictions in regard to the cost of apartment houses prevented the sale of it, and asked that a reduction be made in the cost to $2500 or $3000 per flat.

Mr. Stephen H. Williams, representing Jacob W. Seaver and others, owning land on Washington and Morton streets and the Arborway, stated that his clients were in sympathy with Mr. Costello; that they thought the restrictions too high; and that the cost of apartment houses should be reduced to the vicinity of $3000 per suite.

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Mr. Josiah H. Quincy, representing Frederick J. Herthel,Sr., and Frederick J. Herthel, Jr.,said that there ought to be a reduction in the cost of both single brick and stone houses and apartment houses, the former to about $5000 and the apartment houses to at least $3000 per suite. Starting with $4000 as the cost of wooden houses, the figures he had given would be a proper reduction. It was not a high-priced locality as far as rents go. Mr. Frederick J. Herthel, Sr.,who was present, stated that his views coincided with those stated by Mr.Quincy.

Mr. Edward M. Skinner, representing Caroline E. Skinner, Trustee, said he hoped the restrictions would be reduced so Mr. Costello could build. The restrictions are altogether out of proportion to the locality.

Mr. Bradstreet, owning land with his brother at the northeast corner of Arborway and South street, said they thought the restrictions too high, and that they interfered with the sale and development of the land.

Mr. W. G. Gibson, owning land at No.366 Arborway, said that the Board should not modify the restrictions without giving the matter careful consideration. There might be some reduction made in the cost of apartment houses, but not to $2500 per suite. He would not object to having the restriction on the corner reduced.

Mr. A. M. Howe stated, that, if the proposition only affects the corner lot, he would not object. So far as the hill is concerned he wished to reserve his right to object to any reduction of the restrictions there.

The hearing was closed, the Chairman stating that the Board would suspend the decision of the matter until the following Monday, to give to any one wishing it an opportunity to submit in writing his objections to the granting of Mr.Costello's petition.

Adjourned to May 1.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 1, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to the bank on the estate of William R. Clark ,caused by the construction of Columbia Road; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to Mr. Wheeler.

The Superintendent reported that the Superintendent of Streets had accepted the changes in the plan for Columbia Road, between Dorchester avenue and Marine Park, suggested by this Department; and a letter was sent to the Superintendent of Streets,stating,that the Board was considering some modifications of the plan, which would be sent to him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the requests of Messrs Kneeland and Fais to retain their buildings on Savin Hill Beach a while longer, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent with full power.

Executive Circulars, numbers 19 & 20, requesting departments to comply with the 8-hour law, and granting a half-holiday Saturdays, from May 1 to November 1, 1901, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to give all employees, who can be spared, a half-holiday on Saturday afternoons, in accordance with the Mayor's circular.

Communications from the Board of Police, acknowledging receipt of rules governing Columbia Road and Columbus Avenue Playground, also appointment of instructors at Columbus Avenue Playground, and permission for military escort attendant upon the Vice President to pass through Commonwealth avenue, April 29, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit to Frank Lamacchia to play the harp on Commonwealth avenue, under the conditions of his last permit.

An application of William H. Corey for a position as instructor of games and plays at the public playgrounds, was received and the Secretary was directed to refer the application to the Civic League.

A communication from J. T. Benson, Superintendent of the Zoölogical Garden, Norumbega Park, offering to assist the Board

with reference to the establishment of a zoological garden, was received and placed on file.

Sundry protests against the establishment of a speedway on Franklin Field were received and placed on file.

A communication from A. W. Longfellow to Mr.Pratt, in regard to the estimates of W. J. Hatch and A. Hathaway's Sons for golf house at Schoolmaster Hill, was received and referred to the Chairman to accept the proposal which, after conference with Mr. Longfellow, he may deem advisable.

The Superintendent reported that work on the catch-basins on Centre street, near Walter street, had not been commenced, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to call the attention of the Superintendent of Streets to it.

The Superintendent submitted a further report on the request of Mr. Sears for fences along the bridle paths, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent construct fences along the most dangerous slopes of the bridle paths, in accordance with his report, whenever an appropriation is available therefor.

An order of the City Council requesting the Board to put the base-ball grounds and athletic field at Wood Island Park, East Boston, in suitable condition for public use, was received and placed on file.

The Board took up the applications for the boat service, and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposition of Daniel F. Casey for conducting the boat service at Marine Park, for five years, subject to revocation on six-month's notice, if the business is not conducted in a manner satisfactory to the Board; and subject to such conditions as the Board, with the approval of the Mayor, may require.

VOTED, that the proposal of Gabriel Farrell for conducting the boat service at Charlesbank be accepted for one year,subject to such conditions as the Board, with the approval of the Mayor, may require.

A communication from the Law Department,regarding the legal status of unpaid assessments for park betterments,was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with the City Collector regarding their collection.

The following regulations governing the opening of carriage entrances into the parkways were adopted:

Private carriage entrances to park roads must be located

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and laid out according to plans approved by the Park Commissioners; and must be constructed in accordance with the following specifications:

SPECIFICATIONS.

The pavement must be of the same kind and quality as the adjoining sidewalk pavement and flush with its surface. Artificial stone pavement must be at least 5 inches thick and have its surface corrugated. It must be laid on a foundation of broken stone or cinders, at least 9 inches thick. In brick pavements the bricks must be set on edge, on a 4-inch concrete or 6-inch macadam foundation.

If required by the Park Commissioners, granite curbs at least 20 inches deep must be placed at the junction with the park road and extended across the planting strip, and at least 6 feet along the park road, on each side of the entrance. Where the curb along the park road has been set, the entrance curb must be of the same kind and quality as the park curb. At all other places the kind and quality of the entrance curbs to be used will, in each case, be decided by the Park Commissioners.

Drainage from private gutters must be intercepted before it reaches park land, and gutters or curb shall not extend across the park walk.

Work done under these specifications must be satisfactory to the Park Commissioners, and under the inspection and supervision of their authorized agents.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, MAY 6, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to organize by electing a chairman and secretary for the ensuing year. The question of the election of a chairman being put by the Secretary, Mr. Pratt voted for Mr. Stratton, Mr. Stratton voted for Mr. Stratton. The question

of the election of a secretary being put, Mr. Pratt voted for George F. Clarke, Mr. Stratton voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

VOTED, that Mr. Pratt act as Chairman pro tem.,and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman.

VOTED, that Mr. Prendergast be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro tem.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of Frederick O. Woodruff, requesting the Board to consent to the entrance of a street into Tremont Entrance of the Fens, in accordance with the plan which accompanied said request; and the Chairman was instructed to notify the Board of Street Commissioners, that the Board is willing to permit the entrance of this street provided that the corners thereof, at its junction with Tremont Entrance, are curved on a radius of 20 feet, and that the grade, lines of curb, and system of drainage are approved by the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr.Leahy's request for rebate on granolithic walk on Columbia Road, and the matter was referred to the Secretary to confer with the Corporation Counsel and reply to Mr. Leahy.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the carriage service at Franklin Park, and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent for further report.

The Superintendent submitted a report and recommendation for increase in salaries of pay-roll clerks, etc; and it was

VOTED, that the pay of the following named employees be increased in accordance with the amounts set opposite their names:

George W. Timson,	Clerk,	from	$1.50	to	$2.00	per	day
Joseph P. Howe,	"	"	1.50	"	2.00	"	"
Frank D.Carmody,	Messenger	"	1.00	"	1.50	"	"
John M. Leonard	Boy	"	1.00	"	1.50	"	"
Terence N. Griffin,	"	"	1.00	"	1.50	"	"
Richard H. Walsh,	"	"	1.00	"	1.50	"	"
Louis McInnis,	Ass't Janitor	"	1.50	"	2.00	"	"
John Johnson,	Mason,	"	2.50	"	2.75	"	"

The Superintendent reported that Messrs Jones & Meehan were

exceeding all reasonable allowances in the use of the parkway for the storage of material, and a communication was sent to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, calling attention to the matter.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel regarding the taking of the park in Longwood formerly a part of the David Sears estate, known as Berners Square, was received and the Secretary was directed to draw up papers for making said taking.

A request of the Commissioner of Wires for a list of streets, avenues and parkways over which the Park Board has control,was received and referred to the Secretary to furnish the Commissioner of Wires the information asked for.

A communication from A. M. Howe, Attorney for William Brewster, relative to restrictions on the Arborway, stating that he cannot let Mr. Costello make a change that shall affect anything more than a short distance back from South street, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Charles J. Chance to the Mayor,relative to the Head House, Marine Park, and by him referred to the Board, was received, read, and placed on file.

A communication from Alderman Kelly relative to the granting of a permit to John L. Francis for a refreshment stand at Wood Island Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from George B. Fowler relative to a speedway at Franklin Field, was received and referred to the Chairman.

Sundry communications relative to the establishment of a speedway at Franklin Field were received and placed on file.

Petitions for improvements at Columbus Avenue and Prince Street Playgrounds were received, through Joseph Lee, and placed on file.

The Chairman stated that he had conferred with Mr.Longfellow and accepted Mr. Hatch's bid for the changes in the Schoolmaster Hill shelter,his bid being the lowest.

The request of L.E.Bow for the privilege of conducting a refreshment stand at the new steam-boat landing, at Marine Park, was taken from the table, and the Secretary was directed to notify him that the Board has accepted a proposition for conducting the boat service, which will include the privilege of selling refreshments.

VOTED, that the plan of proposed subdivision of Columbia Road, between Dorchester avenue and Marine Park, dated May 9,

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1901, and signed by the Chairman of this Board, be approved, and that the Secretary transmit the same to the Superintendent of Streets.

A communication from the Police Board in reply to a letter of this Board of May 2, regarding the complaint of F.T.Crommett of injury to property of Thomas Doyle, by those using Fellows Street Playground, was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, MAY 13, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Proposals for piling and platform for the public landing alongside of the pier at Marine Park, were received as follows:

Miller & Ellis,	Boston,	$474.00
George H.Cavanagh,	"	800.00

and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of Miller & Ellis.

A proposal from the James Russell Boiler Works Company for purchasing and setting iron posts, fence, and gate, for the sum of ninety dollars, was received and accepted.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to strengthening the bulkhead built by the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Trust, at North End Beach; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to call the attention of the Trustees to the work which the Board thinks necessary to be done to strengthen the bulkhead and protect the property of the City.

A communication from City Solicitor Thomas M.Babson,stating that he had agreed to settle the case of Gerard C. Tobey and others, for land taken for the Strandway, for twenty-one thousand dollars, was received and laid over until Mr. Pratt's return.

A communication from Professor C. S. Sargent regarding the

proposed widening of Walter street on land leased to Harvard University, was received and the matter was referred to the Chairman, to transmit to the President and Fellows of Harvard College the Street Commissioners' request for approval of the widening.

A communication from the Board of Police, in reply to a letter from the Chairman of May 9, calling attention to young men running on Commonwealth avenue, was received and placed on file.

A notice from Guild & Eastman of the expiration of insurance on the Women's lavatory building at Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, with reference to facilities required by Messrs Jones & Meehan under their contract for sewer work in South street, at Arborway, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the First Division of the Massachusetts Naval Brigade, for permission to use the landing facilities at Marine Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Brigade officers.

A communication from V. V. Skinner requesting a conference for the Eglestón Club with the Board, relative to the use of Franklin Park playground after 5 P.M., for ball-playing by adults, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Skinner and explain the objections of the Board to the playing of base-ball by adults on this playground.

A communication from Mr. John Bleiler transmitting a request of the Boston Base Ball Club for the use of Leverett Park, for a game of base-ball, was received and it was

VOTED, to refuse the request. And a reply to that effect was sent to Mr. Bleiler.

A request of D.W.Waldron for a series of picnics at Franklin Park, for five days, from July 23, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Sundry communications relative to the establishment of a speedway on Franklin Field, with a request from Messrs John Shepard, Harry Dutton, and J.Malcom Forbes, that the Board delay action for ten days, was received and a reply made to the latter communication.

A communication from Connery & Wentworth, with accompanying blue print of front elevation for house for William Amory,

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on Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

VOTED, that the elevations above seventy feet on the plan for house for William Amory, on Commonwealth avenue, Messrs Little & Brown, architects, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plan.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 20, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on a communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the use of Angell street for driving sheep to and from pasture; and an application of Robert S. Sturgis for permission to use the open space alongside of Beacon street, at Chestnut Hill, for ball games; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a request of Joseph Lee for necessary work at Columbus Avenue Playground, to make it available for the purposes of the Civic League, recommending that two hundred dollars be expended for this purpose; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to expend said sum for said purpose, in accordance with his report.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report regarding a proper location for a playground in Ward 15, with estimate of cost, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the removal of trees from Roslindale Playground and the putting of the grounds in condition for use; that a hand-ball court be erected at Charlestown Playground; that a raft be provided for the use of yatchsmen at the foot of I street; and that an ice-water fountain be located at Charlesbank, with reports thereon by the

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Superintendent, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the City Council, requesting the Board to place and maintain a hand-ball court at Wood Island Park, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from J. Mitchell Galvin regarding the planting of trees at Chestnut Hill Park, near Mrs. Stetson's house, was received and placed on file.

On the application of P. J. Brady, the Superintendent was authorized to put in a catch-basin at 406 Arborway and raise the gutter, at Mr. Brady's expense.

Sundry communications relative to the construction of a speedway at Franklin Field were received and placed on file.

The application of Ringling Brothers for permission to parade through Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington to Dartmouth street, May 20, was received and permission refused, the Chairman having previously notified them, by telephone, of the objections of the Board to granting them a permit.

Mayor's Circular, number 21, requesting the Heads of Departments to furnish the names and residences of all non-resident employees, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Mayor's Circular, number 22, requesting a list of the names of all contractors, and the amounts paid them for all work done above the amount of $2000, where the contracts were not advertised for public bids; and also the names of all contractors, and the amounts paid them, who have not been the lowest bidders on advertised proposals, from June 16, 1891, to January 31, 1901, with yearly totals, was received and referred to the Secretary.

The Board passed the following act taking a parcel of land, known as Berners Square, in Roxbury, supposed to belong to the devisees of David Sears, in trust; and estimated the expense of said taking at nothing:

In Board of Park Commissioners,

May 20, 1901.

Whereas, the undersigned duly appointed and qualified as the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of and according to the provisions of the act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An act for the laying out of public parks in or near the City of Boston", being chapter 185 of the acts of the year 1875, deem it desirable to take the following described parcel of land situate in that part of said

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Boston which was formerly Roxbury, for the purposes of a public park: NOW, THEREFORE, we, the said Board of Park Commissioners, by the authority conferred upon us by said act, have taken and hereby do take and locate as and for a public park a parcel of land known as Berners square, supposed to belong to the Devisees of David Sears in trust under the eighteenth clause of his will, proved and allowed in the Probate Court for the County of Suffolk, February 27,1871, bounded and described as follows:northwesterly by Plymouth street, 240 feet; northeasterly by Bernier street, so-called, 220 feet; southeasterly by Bellevue street, 240 feet; southwesterly by Woodstock street, 220 feet: containing 52,800 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan by C. E. Putnam, Assistant Engineer, dated May 20, 1901, on file in the office of this Board.

Charles E. Stratton,
Jas. M. Prendergast,
A majority of the Board of Park
Commissioners of the City of Boston.

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BOSTON, MAY 28, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Frank R. Cauley to operate a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground, between May 29 and June 18, and the Secretary was directed to notify Hon. Joseph J. Corbett that the Board will allow Mr. Cauley to place his apparatus on the ground on Friday, June 14, to be removed Tuesday, June 18; and that the Board does not feel justified in granting a longer term, as the grounds have been so far filled that the playground is now in constant use.

A communication from Thomas M. Babson regarding the settlement of the case of Margaret Wade, for land damages for land

taken for Chestnut Hill Park, was received and laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from the Boston Electric Light Company, to him, regarding the pole on Charlesgate West, and the painting of the electric light poles in the parks; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for report.

Applications of Richard T. Sheehan and Mrs. William Tessin for permission to sell refreshments at Franklin Field were received, and it was

VOTED, not to grant any permits for the sale of refreshments at Franklin Field.

Communications from the Board of Police regarding police protection at Wood Island Park and of the lilacs at the Arboretum were received and placed on file.

A notice from the Sewer Division of the Street Department of intention to build a sewer in Brookline avenue, between Longwood Entrance and Riverway, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Joseph Balch requesting approval of location of temporary steps from Charlesgate West to Ipswich street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the General Superintendent of the Income Division of the Water Department for the yearly report of the water used for street watering, was received and referred to the Superintendent to furnish the information asked for.

A proposition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, for lighting the twenty-four lamps on the wall at Charlesbank, now lighted by the Wellsbach Lighting Company, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Paving Division of the Street Department regarding a permit for driving sheep to and from pasture, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from P. H. Costello requesting information as to the decision of the Board regarding restrictions on his land, was received and laid over.

A request of W. G. Clark that the grass on the golf links be cut and the putting greens rolled, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the Deaconess' Aid Circle to place a sign at the corner of Park street and Riverway, to advertise a lawn party, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

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A request of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association for privileges on Jamaica Pond, July 4th, similar to those granted last year, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Alderman John L. Kelly for a permit for a stand at Wood Island Park, July 4th, for Thomas M. Merrigan, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Alderman J. J. Norton regarding the granting of a permit for a refreshment stand at the foot of L street, was received and referred to the Chairman to notify Alderman Norton, that, in consideration of the unfinished condition of the Strandway, the Board has granted the request.

A communication from the Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board regarding the use of park lands by Messrs Jones & Meehan, on the Arborway at South street, was received and placed on file.

Requests of the Lindale Avenue Improvement Association of Minneapolis for a copy of the park ordinance regulating traffic on boulevards, and of the American Park and Out-Door Art Association for information as to parks and squares in Boston, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Bath Trustees requesting the Board to grant the Boston Electric Light Company the privilege of running overhead wires temporarily to the L-street bathhouse, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Boston Electric Light Company be permitted to place overhead wires across Columbia Road to the L-Street bathhouse, on condition that the wires be put underground as soon as the cable for lighting the Road is extended to this point.

A communication from C. F. Adams 2nd, stating the position of the Corporation of Harvard College in regard to the proposition of the Street Commissioners to widen Walter street on land of the Arnold Arboretum, was received and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Adams' letter, and send a copy of the letter to the Board of Street Commissioners.

VOTED, that the Superintendent make arrangements with the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration to take charge of the granting of permits for the sale of refreshments and similar purposes, on said day, as in former years, at Charlestown Playground.

A hearing was given at the request of Senator Dowd, in regard to establishing playgrounds in Ward 19. Mr. Joseph P. Fox

opened the hearing and stated that the ward was rapidly growing; that 28,000 to 30,000 people lived in it. The valuation is $24,795,000, a gain of more than a million dollars in valuation in one year. There was a gain of 231 polls and 30 new houses. There is a good opportunity now to provide the needed playgrounds, as the City can get, at a reasonable price, the lands suitable for the purpose. The children now have no place to play in, as they are not allowed to play on the street. He referred to land on Huntington avenue running through to Hillside street, also a lot on Longwood avenue belonging to the Francis estate, which he thought could be bought for fifty cents a foot.

Rev. Father Kenzel said that boys had to go to Brookline to play. Regarding children he said there were eight schools in the district - 1520 children in the parochial school - they have no place to go except on the streets, which are so crowded that they cannot play on the sidewalks, and they have to play in the streets subject to accidents. The sanitary condition of the ward requires open grounds for the youngest children who have now no place to go to. There are five hospitals in Roxbury with very small grounds, and nice shady playgrounds would be a benefit to the inmates. Athletics, now so popular with young men, also requires an opportunity to expend its energy on legitimate sports, and large playgrounds suitable for this purpose were needed.

Cornelius Vanderpyl said he had listened to one or two hearings recently held by the Board; it was hardly necessary to go over the arguments again. If any section needs to have a playground it is ward 19 - hundreds of children have to play in the streets - had to pay several bills of late for window glass broken by his boys. It was hardly possible for an active boy to play except in the street. Franklin Park is the only place where they can play ball - have been excluded from Parker Hill where they used to play. He did not know of any place better than Parker Hill which would meet all the requirements of a playground and of mothers with little children. It would be a good investment to provide such a playground for the district.

James P. Cleary asked if restrictions could not be taken off of existing parks so as to provide places at intervals where children might play unmolested. They are liable to trespass on private land, and the distance is too great to send children to Franklin Park and Franklin Field.

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Senator Dowd, in closing the hearing, stated that Ward 19 was the most neglected and most congested; large children have have no place to play in the Ward; there is plenty of land that might be taken. He came to the previous hearing and said that he wanted the playground to come to Ward 19; public sentiment had been aroused for a playground. He referred to the playground recently established in Ward 18, and said that the same ought to be done for Ward 19. It would suit him if the Board would select any ground suggested by Mr.Fox or others; or they would appoint a committee to suggest sites if the Board desired it. He felt that Roxbury as a whole has been neglected, and he wanted the best location possible.

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Sec'y.

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A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Joseph Balch for permission to erect steps from Charlesgate West to Ipswich street, recommending that the request be granted,and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Balch that the Board will grant his request if he will submit a satisfactory plan and specifications.

The Superintendent reported that the underground telephone wires between Canterbury street and the greenhouses, Franklin Park, refuse to work; and the Secretary was directed to ask the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company to draw out the wire and ascertain what has caused the break in the connection.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to substitute its method of lighting on the wall at Charlesbank, for the Welsbach lamps, stating that the lighting of the wall is now very satisfactory and that to change it would involve expense. It was, thereupon,

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VOTED, not to make any change in the present system of lighting, and that the Secretary notify the Company accordingly.

The Superintendent stated that Moses Coulter, formerly foreman at Charlesbank, has made application for reinstatement as laborer, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to reinstate him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association for the use of Jamaica Pond and adjacent grounds, July 4th, under the same conditions and for the same purposes as last year, stating that he had conferred with a committee of the Association, who stated that the program that they desired to carry out embraces boat races, a bicycle race around the pond, music, and public speaking. It was thereupon

VOTED, to grant the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association the use of Jamaica Pond and adjacent grounds, July 4th, for the same purposes and under the same conditions as last year, provided that sufficient police is furnished to protect the plantations from damage.

The Superintendent was instructed to notify the Committee that public speaking was contrary to the rules, and, therefore, could not be allowed.

A notice from the Deputy Superintendent of the Sewer Division of intention to build seven catch-basins and connections in First street, between M and P streets, was received and placed on file.

A request of D. L. Wilcutt & Son for permission to put up three guy posts on Commonwealth avenue, at Hotel Somerset, was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit therefor, the location of the posts to be satisfactory to the Superintendent.

A communication from Milton C. Paige, recommending T. W. D. Jordan for a permit to sell flowers at Marine Park, was received and it was VOTED, not to grant the request.

VOTED, that the following regulations and specifications for the Park Boat Service be adopted.

MARINE PARK BOAT SERVICE.

1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT. The Lessee shall conduct his business on all premises and boats under his control so that the public will feel assured that the business is to be scrupulously carried on under fixed rules and efficient discipline, and that

the premises and boats may be used by the most timid with assurance of safety and comfort and by the most modest and retiring with confidence that they will be subject to no annoyance; the Lessee shall not employ in the business any person who shows any disposition or inclination to indulge in habits liable to weaken that feeling, and shall immediately dismiss any employee showing any such disposition or inclination; the Lessee shall employ such boatmen as are skilled in and are accustomed to the duties in which they shall be employed and are courageous and ready to assist and know how to revive drowning persons.

2. EMPLOYEES. The Lessee shall see that all his employees when on duty on said premises and boats are clothed in uniforms consisting of yachting costumes of the style and make of a sample approved by the Board, are clean and neat in person and attire, sober and drink nothing intoxicating, are civil and courteous but not obtrusive, keep good temper under all circumstances, do not use foul or profane language, and are vigilant and firm -- in keeping said premises and boats in good condition and free from injury, and -- in keeping all persons on said premises or boats from having or using intoxicating liquors and from loafing or doing anything improper, injurious or offensive.

3. PLEASURE BAY LANDING. The Lessee shall maintain a landing on the northeasterly side of the iron pier and allow it to be used as a boat landing.

4. BOATS, EQUIPMENT & REFRESHMENTS. The Lessee shall provide and keep boats and equipments, for rent and for running in trips not exceeding twenty minutes to a trip out and back, the oars used in row boats to be straight or spoon as the customers require of first-class quality, leathered, coppered, and varnished, and all boats, oars and other equipments to be satisfactory to the Board, to be frequently overhauled and refinished, and to be kept and used in such numbers and places, both for rent and for trips, as hereinafter specified and as the Board shall from time to time specify; the Lessee may keep and sell at the Q Street landing light refreshments, such as sandwiches, coffee and other non-intoxicating beverages, and fruits other than bananas, unshelled peanuts and melons; and the fares,rents and prices charged shall not exceed those hereinafter specified and as the Board shall from time ti time specify.

Tickets -- for fares and rents of boats and for refreshments shall be sold in packages for four dollars ($4.00) per hundred.

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5. CASTLE ISLAND BOATS. Steamboats shall be kept and run on trips from the Q street landing, southerly side, to Castle Island and return, for

Each way, five cents ($0.05).

6. SQUANTUM BOATS. Boats may be kept and run on trips to Squantum, for

Each way, fifteen cents ($0.15).

Round trip, twenty-five cents ($0.25).

7. LAUNCHES.-- shall be steam, naptha or electric, of dimensions suitable for the service required of them -- frame to be of white oak -- planking of cedar -- decks and interior woodwork of mahogany -- outside of hulls to be painted white -- decks and interior woodwork to be varnished with pumice rubbed finish -- equipment to consist of awnings, gratings, fittings and suitable furniture; each launch to be used under charge of a competent employee of the Lessee and to be rented for

Hour, Three dollars ($3.00) for the first two hours and two dollars ($2.00) for each hour thereafter, but not exceeding twenty dollars ($20.00) for the day.

8. SAIL BOATS -- shall be of such beam, model, sparring,rig, and form and area of sail as to be safe, seaworthy and non-sinkable -- frame to be of white oak -- planking of cedar-- interior woodwork to be painted or varnished -- exterior woodwork to be painted -- equipment to consist of cushions of canvas with hair tops, stuffed with cork chips or deer hair, adapted to serve as life-preservers, oars, life-preservers, boat hook, anchor, cable, keg or tank of fresh water, and a distinguishing burgee always flying while in service; each sailboat shall be used under charge of a competent employee of the Lessee and to be rented for

Hour, one dollar and twenty-five cents($1.25).

Half day, five dollars ($5.00).

Day, eight dollars ($8.00).

If a sail boat gets becalmed and cannot get back within twenty-four hours through no fault of those in charge, one day's rent only will be required.

9. ROWBOATS,-- shall be Whitehall boats, eleven to sixteen feet long -- frame to be of white oak -- planking of white cedar -- interior finish to be of mahogany, rosewood, oak or ash -- hulls to be varnished or painted inside and out, the top strakes gunwales and inside to be varnished down to riser; the boats to

be rented for

Hour, thirty cents ($0.30).

Half day, one dollar and twenty-five cents ($1.25).

Day, two dollars($2.00).

10.FISHING BOATS.-- shall be of the best kind for the service, and fishing outfits and shrimp and clam bait shall be supplied at reasonable sums extra, but to be used with no other boat; the boats shall be rented for

Hour, twenty-five cents ($0.25).

Half day, one dollar($1.00).

Day, one dollar and a half($1.50).

CHARLESBANK BOAT SERVICE.

1. GENERAL MANAGEMENT. The Lessee shall conduct his business on all premises and boats under his control so that the public will feel assured that the business is to be scrupulously carried on under fixed rules and efficient discipline, and that the premises and boats may be used by the most timid with assurance of safety and comfort and by the most modest and retiring with confidence that they will be subject to no annoyance; the Lessee shall not employ in the business any person who shows any disposition or inclination to indulge in habits liable to weaken that feeling, and shall immediately dismiss any employee showing any such disposition or inclination; the Lessee shall employ such boatmen as are skilled in and accustomed to the duties in which they shall be employed and are courageous and ready to assist and know how to revive drowning persons

2. EMPLOYEES. The Lessee shall see that all his employees when on duty on said premises and boats are clothed in uniforms consisting of yachting costumes of the style and make of a sample approved by the Board, are clean and neat in person and attire, sober and drink nothing intoxicating, are civil and courteous but not obtrusive, keep good temper underall circumstances, do not use foul or profane language, and are vigilant and firm -- in keeping said premises and boats in good condition and free from injury, and -- in keeping all persons on said premises or boats from having or using intoxicating liquors and from loafing or doing anything improper, injurious or offensive.

3. BOATS AND EQUIPMENTS. The Lessee shall provide and keep boats and equipments for rent, the oars used in rowboats to be straight or spoon as the customers require, of first-class quality, leathered, coppered and varnished, and all boats, oars

and other equipments to be satisfactory to the Board, to be frequently overhauled and refinished, and to be kept and used in such numbers and places as hereinafter specified and as the Board shall from time to time specify; and the fares, rents and prices charged shall not exceed those hereinafter specified and as the Board shall from time to time specify.

Tickets -- for fares and rents of boats shall be sold in packages for four dollars ($4.00) per hundred.

4. LAUNCHES,-- shall be steam, naptha or electric, of dimensions suitable for the service required of them -- frame to be of white oak -- planking of cedar -- decks and interior woodwork of mahogany -- outside of hulls to be painted white -- decks and interior woodwork to be varnished with pumice rubbed finish -- equipment to consist of awnings, gratings, fittings and suitable furniture; each launch to be used under charge of a competent employee of the Lessee and to be rented for

Hour, three dollars ($3.00) for the first two hours, and two dollars ($2.00) for each hour thereafter, but not exceeding twenty dollars ($20.00) for the day.

5. SAILBOATS, -- shall be of such beam, model, sparring,rig, and form and area of sail as to be safe,seaworthy and nonsinkable -- frame to be of white oak -- planking of cedar -- interior woodwork to be painted or varnished -- exterior woodwork to be painted -- equipment to consist of cushions of canvas with hair tops, stuffed with cork chips or deer hair, adapted to serve as life-preservers, oars, life-preservers, boat hook, anchor, cable, keg or tank of fresh water, and a distinguishing burgee always flying while in service; each sail boats shall be used under charge of a competent employee of the Lessee and to be rented for

Hour, one dollar and twenty-five cents ($1.25).

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If a sailboat gets becalmed and cannot get back within twenty-four hours through no fault of those in charge, one day's rent only will be required.

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Hour, twenty-five cents ($0.25).

Half day, one dollar ($1.00).

Day, one dollar and a half ($1.50).

The Superintendent stated that upon examination he approved the plans for the locker building to be erected by the Columbia Yacht Club upon the land which it is proposed to lease to the Club. The Board suspended action on the plans pending the execution of the lease.

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of Margaret Wade for land taken for Chestnut Hill Park, for three thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars,without interest.

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of Gerard C. Tobey and others, for damages for land taken for the Strandway, for the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars, without interest.

A communication from J. H. Caldwell, General Superintendent Income Division, Water Department, enclosing outstanding bills against Hendrie Brothers, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from James R. Carret regarding the placing of a bathhouse by the City on land belonging to the Worthington Heirs, at Savin Hill Beach, was received and referred to the Bath Department.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to permit for driving sheep to and from pasture was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from the Board of Police, in reply to the letter of the Board, of May 27, stating that they had instructed their officers to permit Chase's express teams to pass through the parkways for the purpose of carrying plants for the opening of the new Horticultural Hall.

A request was received from the Metropolitan Park Commission for the concurrence of the Board in the sale and conveyance to

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the Old Colony Railroad Company of two lots of land taken for Blue Hills Parkway, and shown on Metropolitan Park Commissioners' plan, number 335, March 21,1901, William T. Pierce, Engineer; and it was

VOTED, to concur in said sale; and that the concurrence thereto, annexed to the deed, be signed by the members of the Board.

A communication was received from Alderman Philip O'Brien requesting permission for Mr. Prendergast to place a lunch cart on Ward 4 Playground, June 15,16, and 17; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request; and a letter to that effect was sent to Alderman O'Brien.

The following bids for building iron fences at Charlestown Heights were received:

Van Dorn Iron Works Co.	$154.37 1/2 ($1.25 per ft.)
W. A. Snow & Company,	191.43
New England Structural Co.	494.00

and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of the Van Dorn Iron Works Company.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 11, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an order of the Common Council regarding the location of a playground in Ward 15.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Alderman Kelly's request,that permission be granted to Joseph A. Hughes to maintain a refreshment stand at Wood Island Park,on June 17; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed by-pass channel between the Commissioners' channel and the 7-foot conduit at the Fens gate-house; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

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A communication from Fire Commissioner Russell, declining to grant the use of a fire-engine to pump out back water on Billings Field, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Metropolitan Water Board regarding work under contract with Jones & Meehan, in the neighborhood of the Arborway at South street, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Arthur H. Bowditch, with accompanying blue-prints of first floor plan and front elevation of the addition to the Hotel Somerset,on Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

VOTED, that the elevations above seventy feet shown on the plan entitled "Hotel Somerset Extension, Commonwealth avenue, Boston, Mass.,Arthur H. Bowditch, Architect", be approved in accordance with the provisions of chapter 379 of the acts of 1897, and that the Chairman be authorized to endorse said approval on the plan.

The Secretary was directed to call Mr. Bowditch's attention to the fact that the portecochère roof, as shown on the plan, is in violation of the restrictions prescribed in the vote of the Board,of August 7, 1896, establishing a building line on Commonwealth avenue, under chapter 426 of the acts of 1893, and chapter 313 of the acts of 1896.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for a carriage entrance from the Arborway to estate of Joseph Engle; and the matter was laid over until the Board can look at the premises.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from Joseph Lee to him, suggesting the improvement of the Prince street and Columbus avenue playgrounds, in anticipation of the appropriation in the loan bill for developing playgrounds. The communication was laid on the table pending the passage of the bill.

A request of the Massachusetts Automobile Club to go through the parkways, on the occasion of the Club Run from Copley square to Sharon, June 17, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from H. F. Colby requesting information as to the use of the public landing at Marine Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply. The Superintendent was directed to look into the complaint of incivility on the part of Mr. Casey.

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An application from Mrs. C. S. Weeks for position of matron at the golf house, Franklin Park, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, not to modify the restrictions on Mr.Costello's land on the Arborway, as petitioned for by him.

The Superintendent was authorized to procure, from time to time, photographs of such features in the parks as he may think desirable, the expense thereof not to exceed one hundred dollars.

The Secretary was directed to see what terms can be made with a press clipping bureau to furnish items from the Boston papers for a department scrap book.

A hearing was given at 3.30 P.M. on the petition of A.A. Maxwell, for the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association and others, that a permit be granted for an open-air address on the park grounds, by Captain Hobson, in connection with the proposed Fourth of July celebration at Jamaica Plain.

Councillor Maxwell said,- We ask your consideration of our request for the use of part of the grounds at Jamaica Pond, for the celebration of the Fourth of July. The program includes speaking,by Captain Hobson, which we learn is prohibited by the Board. We submit that the rule ought not to be absolute; that public speaking ought not to be put on the same ground as liquor selling, which the public demands shall be prohibited. There is no question of the desirability of enforcing the rule in the case of labor unions, or religious bodies desiring to promulgate their peculiar tenets. Every body recognizes that the regulation of this thing is proper, as on the Common, where a permit from the Mayor is required. The people ask the privilege of going on the Park, on the Fourth of July, to listen to a patriotic address. We feel that such an occasion, on such a day, cannot trouble you as a precedent, if we are permitted to carry out our plans. Mr. Maxwell said that he had asked prominent people, and did not find a difference of opinion. The Committee will do everything they can do to get this privilege.

Mr. E. W. Clark said that he had obtained two or three letters; and presented a communication from the Business Men's Association of Jamaica Plain, stating, that, at a meeting of the Association, on June 10, it was voted to petition the Board of Park Commissioners to grant the use of the Park near Jamaica Pond, for the public address of Captain Hobson, on July 4th.

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Mr. Clark also presented letters from Rev. Howard B. Gross, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, and Rev. Charles L. Morgan, pastor of Central Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain; and introduced Rev. Mr. Shearman of St. John's Episcopal Church, who said, with reference to the rule against public speaking, that he remembered when the rule was adopted, and recognized it as a wise and necessary rule. What we want is discrimination in its application. The exception proves the rule; and we ask that an exception be made in this case, which is very different from the usual occasions for public speaking. It has nothing to do with class or private interests, which ought to be kept out of the parks, and which required the enforcement of the rule. Parks exist to benefit and give pleasure to the people, and the rules should not prevent what is desirable, which would be killing the very purpose of the rule; but should be directed against social or religious organizations, labor agitators, etc. The conditions in this case are such as to take it out of the class of cases where prohibition is necessary.

Mr. Gould stated that the Association has taken hold of this celebration to raise the standard. They raised twelve hundred dollars last year; and this year the City will give the Association one thousand dollars additional. They have arranged to have Captain Hobson, the hero of Santiago, address them. He asked if the Board realized the fact of their not having any public place to go to, except the parkway, and that they could not secure a place elsewhere which would accommodate all of those who wish to hear Captain Hobson?

A letter was received from Samuel B. Capen in favor of granting the Association's request, and urging the exceptional nature of the case as a reason therefor. Subsequently it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

Messrs Flood and Mooney of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club came before the Board with reference to matters of interest to the Club. Commodore Mooney said that the plans of the Strandway showed a grass plot the whole length of the beach, and that, unless some provision is made for access to the clubhouse, teams will drive over the grass plot to its injury or destruction; that the Club is required under its lease to grade and plant its premises, which it had done; and he asked that the Board put up a temporary fence to protect the premises.

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Commodore Mooney also stated that a channel two hundred feet wide had been dredged in front of the Clubhouse, giving them good water to the main channel, and asked that they might control it so as to keep it from being blocked by boats anchoring indiscriminately in the channel. Commodore Mooney also referred to the small strip of beach between the bathhouses and the clubhouse, which would very likely come to be used in an objectionable way, unless somebody had the oversight of it;and asked that it be turned over to the Club as a part of its leasehold. He said that they did not intend to close up the lot, but to keep it from being used in any way detrimental to the interests of the Club or the public.

The Commissioners stated that they would have Mr. Pettigrew meet the Committee in regard to the various matters, and report to the Board.

Mr. Flood presented the petition of Thomas J. Boles and others, for a location on the Strandway for an organization to be known as the Independent Yacht Club, and asked for a hearing.

Mr. John P. Leahy came before the Board with reference to his request that the Board allow him the usual rebate on granolithic walks on Columbia Road. He said that Mr. Wheeler takes the ground that he has turned over the Road to the Park Department, and is not responsible for it any further, regardless of what his predecessor may have done in allowing a rebate for granolithic walks; that the parkway on which Mr. Leahy's land abuts was originally built by the Park Department, and no construction has been done by the Street Department. The Commissioners stated, that, under the policy which the Board had followed, no rebate has been allowed for brick or artificial-stone walks on the parkways.

VOTED, that a permit be granted to Mrs. Mary O. Cobb for a refreshment stand on the unfinished Strandway, near the bathhouse at the foot of L street, the location and construction of the stand to be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Parks.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 19, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that park signs be substituted for the street signs on Columbia Road; and the matter was referred to the Chairman, to request permission from the Superintendent of Streets for the proposed substitution.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the request of D. W. Waldron for a series of picnics at Franklin Park be granted; and it was

VOTED, that the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold a series of picnics at Long Crouch Woods, during the week beginning July 22, under the usual conditions and with the same privileges that have been accorded them in past years.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Joseph Engle for a carriage entrance to his estate from the Arborway, recommending that the request be granted in accordance with plan approved by C. E. Putnam, Assistant Engineer,; and it was

VOTED, that permission be granted for the construction of a carriage entrence into Arborway from the estate of Joseph Engle, in accordance with plan approved by C. E. Putnam, Assistant Engineer, and subject to the regulations in force governing the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the inspection of automobiles, and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent was authorized to make a draft on the Civil Service for fifteen men, with the understanding that their employment should be only temporary.

The Superintendent reported that the cleaning up of South street and Arborway, by Messrs Jones & Meehan had been done in a manner satisfactory to him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Mr. Proctor that employment be given F. H. Carey, and the matter was referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the canvas covering at the Women's gymnasium, Charlesbank, and the Superintendent was authorized to substitute a wooden roof

for the canvas covering, as recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club for permission to buoy the channel in front of the clubhouse and erect a temporary fence to protect its newly seeded lawns, recommending that the request be granted; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club to place buoys to mark the channel in front of the clubhouse, and erect a temporary fence to protect the lawns recently seeded, the character of the fence to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent reported on the location of a horse fountain to be presented by a society represented by Mrs. Huntington Smith.

The Superintendent submitted a proposition from J. A. King of Dorchester to remove a pile of stone from Franklin Field, and furnish loam in exchange therefor, at the rate of one cubic yard of loam for each two-horse load of stone. The proposition was accepted, and the Superintendent was authorized to make the exchange.

The Superintendent reported with reference to Alderman Norton's letter to Mr. Prendergast of June 18, offering for sale some filling at the Carney Hospital, that there is no present need of filling on the Strandway; and the Secretary was directed to reply to Alderman Norton to that effect.

An order of the City Council appropriating twenty-five hundred dollars for the improvement of Savin Hill Beach, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted plans for bathhouses at Savin Hill Beach, and he was authorized to procure bids for their erection.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the cause of delay in the construction of catch-basins at the junction of Centre and May streets and near Allandale street, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Board of Police in reply to letters of this Board of June 11 and 14, protesting against the use of Commonwealth avenue as a race track for athletes, were received and placed on file.

A communication from John P. Leahy regarding a proposed violation of restrictions on Columbia Road, by Messrs Boyd & Berry, was received and placed on file.

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An application from Thomas W. Daly for leave to establish a refreshment stand near the L-street bathhouse, on the Strandway, was received and permission refused.

The Chairman presented a letter from Alderman John L.Kelly, in regard to the application of John H. Crotty for the privilege of a refreshment stand at Wood Island Park, July 4th, and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 24, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications from Joseph Lee regarding requirements for playgrounds and appointment of instructors as special police officers, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a plan of a fountain, which a society represented by Mrs. Huntington Smith desires a location for.

A request of Joseph Lee for a children's shelter at Columbus Avenue Playground, with a report from the Superintendent on the same, was received and referred back to the Superintendent.

An order of the Common Council requesting that settees be placed on Columbia Road, between Edward Everett square and Buttonwood street, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets authorizing the use of street sign posts on Columbia Road for park signs, was received and placed on file.

A communication from William M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, of expiration of commission of George F. Clarke, as justice of the peace, was received and the Secretary was authorized to apply for reappointment.

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A communication from Joseph M. Wade calling attention to the erection of trolley poles on the sidewalks of Columbia Road, also injury to trees by horses attached to a trolley wagon,and need of cleaning sidewalk of lot adjoining his estate, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from John A. Whittemore's Sons regarding claim for damages to team, caused by a steam road-roller being left in the road unattended, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Mr. Thomas W. Carter came before the Board and submitted a communication from himself and from J. R. Carter, requesting early action on his petition for a driveway from the southerly gateway of his house on the Arborway. The matter was referred to the Superintendent for report.

VOTED, that the rules adopted August 20, 1896, for the use and government of the public parks and boulevards, be amended by inserting before the words "play ball or any other game or sport", wherever they occur in said rules, the words,-run a race, or run in practice or training for a race, or walk or run clad in gymnastic or training costume; or: also by striking out, wherever they occur in said rules, the words "or coast with a cycle or other vehicle down any hill","or coast therewith down any hill", and by inserting after the word "handle-bar" the words,- and his feet on the pedals.

VOTED, that the rules adopted August 20,1896, for the use and government of the public parks and boulevards, be amended, so far as they relate to the Strandway and Marine Park, by inserting after the word "raft" the words,- or permanently moor or anchor any yacht or boat so as to obstruct a fairway or channel.

VOTED, that the regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the public parks or boulevards be amended by striking out the words "he shall have been examined and certified as competent by the inspector of the Park Department and a permit issued on such certificate; nor until such vehicle shall have been inspected and a certificate of approval issued by the inspector of the Park Department, and"; and inserting after the word "granted" the words,- by the Park Department;so that said regulations shall read as follows: No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle of any kind on the public parks or boulevards until a license for the operation or use of such

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vehicle has been granted by the Park Department; nor unless such vehicle bears the number of its license in Arabic figures not less than two inches in height in a conspicuous manner on the rear of said vehicle, and not less than one inch in height on the lamps of said vehicle. No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle on the public parks between the hours of 11.30 A.M. and 3 P.M., except upon the traffic roads, boulevards, and highways, or to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to a house fronting on a parkway.

VOTED, that no charge be made for licenses for motor vehicles.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to Courtenay Guild, City Collector, the sum of one hundred and forty-six and 72/100 dollars in payment of the taxes for 1899, upon the estate of Isaac N. Tucker, taken for Columbus Avenue Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for playgrounds.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 28, 1901.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast.

The following bids for building bath-lockers at Savin Hill Beach were received.

William T. Eaton,	$1830.00
Wilbur J. Hatch,	2125.00
William Riley,	2197.00
David J. McKim,	2499.00
Charles Logue,	3500.00

and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of William T. Eaton.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 11, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the request of F. P. Schmidt Jr., for leave to use his canoe on Jamaica Pond, and recommended the granting of permits to expert canoeists to keep their canoes at Jamaica Pond and the Fens, under the charge of the boat keepers; and the Secretary was directed to issue permits accordingly, on condition that the canoes shall be used only by the holder of the permit, who shall be an expert canoeist and a swimmer.

On recommendation of the Superintendent he was authorized to purchase a new roll and shaft for the 6-ton roller, at a cost of $375.00

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids for winter uniforms received from Leopold Morse & Company, and Spitz Bros. & Mork; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the alignment and relocation of the street railway tracks on Columbia Road,under the new railroad bridge; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent and Engineer to confer with the Railway Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the purchase of a gasoline spraying machine for exterminating the elm-leaf beetle; and the Superintendent was authorized to procure the same at an estimated expense of $425.00

The Superintendent submitted a report on the change in rating of Michael McNulty, from watchman to sub-foreman. It was, thereupon

VOTED, that Michael McNulty be promoted to the rank of sub-foreman, and that his pay be increased from $2.75 to $3.25 per day.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the condition of Roslindale Playground and Billings Field, in answer to requests of Councilmen E. J. Bromberg and Frederick W. Whiteley, and the Roslindale Improvement Association that the grounds be put in condition for play; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

On recommendation of the Superintendent he was authorized to purchase an express wagon, at an estimated expense of $200.

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The Superintendent called attention to his report of last year on the petition of teamsters for an increase of pay, recommending that their pay be raised to $58.00 per month; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent recommended the appointment of C. T. Murdock, instructor at Columbus Avenue Playground, as a special police officer; and the Chairman was authorized to ask the Board of Police for his appointment.

Executive circulars, numbers 23 & 24, regarding leave of absence for city employees, members of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, on annual muster day, and for members of the G. A.R. who desire to attend the national encampment, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Bath Department for leave to run a temporary wire from the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club building to the L-Street bathhouse, for telephone purposes, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Bath Trustees be authorized to run a temporary wire from the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club building to the L-Street bathhouse, for telephone purposes, on condition that the wire be removed at the end of the season.

Communications from the Police Board with reference to complaints of disorderly conduct at Marine Park and the Strandway; also regarding police protection on July 4th; and the prevention of heavy teaming on Commonwealth avenue during the night time, and preserving order on the lawns at Charlesbank, were received and placed on file.

A communication from E. W. Clark, of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association, expressing appreciation of the privileges given the Association on July 4th, was received and placed on file.

Communications from Guild & Eastman and From Julius Pratt in regard to expiration of insurance on park property, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Secretary was authorized to make a contract with the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for a branch exchange at Pine Bank office.

VOTED, that the following rules for the regulation of the tennis courts be adopted:

The Courts-keeper will have charge of the grounds and of the conduct of the games, in accordance with the following rules:

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Courts will be assigned by the Courts-keeper only.

When the courts are all occupied, and there are waiting players, two hours shall constitute a session for each match.

Courts may be secured one week in advance, on application to the Courts-keeper.

Players shall wear tennis shoes during play.

Players shall not move the net-poles to other than the courts assigned to them.

No person will receive a bathroom permit after sunset.

The tennis-house will be open from 9 A.M.until thirty minutes after sunset.

VOTED, that the rules adopted August 20, 1896, for the use and government of the public parks and boulevards, as amended February 6, June 12, and June 26, 1899, April 15 and June 24, 1901, be further amended, so far as they relate to the Strandway and Marine Park, by inserting after the word "channel" the words,- or make a landing under sail at any raft or float under the control of the Park Department.

The Secretary submitted a lease of the strip of land, fifty feet wide, adjoining the site of the Columbia Yacht Club, which had been executed by the Club; and it was

VOTED, that the westerly half of the lot of land situated on Columbia Road, between the locations of the South Boston Yacht Club and the Columbia Yacht Club, be leased to said Columbia Yacht Club, in accordance with the terms of the lease already executed by said Club, and that the lease be signed by the members of the Board and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

VOTED, that the plans for the locker building to be erected by the Columbia Yacht Club, on the land leased to said Club, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 22, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent reported on the conduct of the Marine Park Boat Service, recommending that the Board demand an entire change in the methods employed; and a letter was sent to Mr. Casey calling his attention to sundry cases of mismanagement which had been brought to the attention of the Board, and notifying him, that, unless a change is made in the matters referred to, the Board will cancel his lease.

The Superintendent submitted a further report on the relocation of street railway tracks on Columbia Road under the railroad bridge, and the result of Mr. Putnam's interview with the Superintendent of Streets; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate to the Boston Elevated Railway Company the position of the Board in the matter.

A communication from Charles H. Hersey, referred to the Board by the Mayor, requesting that the portion of Franklin Park boundary which abuts on Walnut avenue, between Seaver street and the main entrance, be improved, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Chairman was authorized to request of the Board of Police the appointment of H. A. Dame as a special police officer at the Columbus Avenue Playground.

A communication from the Water Department regarding outstanding bills against Hendrie Brothers and J. P. McShane was received and laid over. The Secretary stated that Hendrie Bros. objected to paying for water used at the Overlook, and that he had asked Mr. Hendrie to attend the meeting of the Board.

A communication from Willard Rice complaining of water entering his cellar from Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter of G. W. Parker regarding the danger of accidents at the Elm Hill avenue crossing from Franklin Park, owing to the proximity of the electric car tracks to the Park wall, recommending that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to slow up the cars on approaching this crossing; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to bring it to the attention of the Railway Company.

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The following bids for park uniforms, submitted by the Superintendent at the last meeting of the Board, were considered, and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of Spitz Brothers & Mork, as indicated by asterisks on the list of bids:-

Canvas Coats.

Spitz Bros,& Mork.	#1	wool lined	$1.56 1/2;	sheepskin lined	$2.58 1/2
" " "	#2	" "	2.02 1/2	" "	2.33 1/2 *
" " "	#3	" "	1.81 1/2 *		
Leopold Morse & Co.		" "	1.95	" "	2.75

		Pants.		Cap.		Shirt.	
Spitz Bros.& Mork,	#1	$0.79 1/2	#1	$0.63 1/2	#1	$1.68 1/2	
" " "	#2	.72 1/2 *	#2	.68 1/2 *	#2	1.62 1/2 *	
			#3	.59 1/2			
Leopold Morse & Co.		1.00		.42		1.68	

The matter of extra compensation for teamsters was considered, and it was

VOTED, that the pay of teamsters in the employ of the Department be increased from $55.00 to $58.00 per month.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the controversy between Mr. Casey and Mr. Williamson, as to the use of the public landing at Marine Park,by the latter,for the purpose of taking water on his steamer, stating that the matter has been arranged satisfactorily to both parties, and that the Superintendent would submit,to the Board,rules governing the use of the landing.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, JULY 31, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of widening, regrading, and surfacing Walnut avenue adjoining Franklin Park, amounting to $9515, which figures he had furnished Alderman Gerry, at his request.

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A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company acknowledging the receipt of letters of July 22,concerning the location of tracks on Columbia Road at the railroad bridge,and speed of cars at the junction of Seaver street and Elm Hill avenue, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Councilman William H. Nitz relative to the erection of a permanent band-stand at Jamaica Pond, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A notice from the Street Commissioners of a hearing at their office, at 11.30 A.M., Friday, August 2, on petition of Josephine Cunniff and another, for the laying out of Cunniff Road and Reservoir Road, as public ways, between Commonwealth avenue and Chestnut Hill driveway, was received and a letter was prepared to be submitted to the Street Commissioners at the hearing.

The resignation of John W. Bowler as superintendent of Charlesbank gymnasium, to take effect September 14, was received and accepted.

The application of H. C. McGrath for the position of superintendent of Charlesbank gymnasium, to succeed Mr. Bowler, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report recom ending the appointment of James L. Walsh, instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium, to succeed Mr. Bowler, and stated that this arrangement will be satisfactory to the Bath Department. It was,thereupon

VOTED, to appoint Mr. James L. Walsh to the position of instructor at Charlesbank, to take effect September 14, and that he be paid $2000 per annum, one-half of said salary to be assumed by the Bath Department.

VOTED, that the following rules be adopted for the use of the public landing at Marine Park:

The landing is free to public use under the following conditions:

The landing shall not be used as a storage place for rowboats, boxes, barrels or merchandise of any kind.

Between 10 A.M. and 11 P.M. the use of the landing shall be limited to receiving and discharging passengers, or supplies by by rowboat only.

Small steamers or launches may land or receive passengers, or take on supplies of water between 11 P.M.and 10 A.M.only. All arrangements for taking water to be made with the lessee of

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the boat service.

No boats, steamers or launches will be permitted to tie up to the landing for a longer period than 15 minutes.

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BOSTON, AUGUST 7, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Assistant Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board estimated the expense of taking sundry lands, in that part of Boston called South Boston, for a public park,as follows:

William H. Hart,	7,411	sq.ft.	$2,700.00
Thomas Hills,	4,802	" "	900.00
Charles T. Gallagher,et al.,Trustees,	253,861	" "	46,300.00
A person or persons unknown,(Vale st.)	26,338	" "	Nothing.
Charles T. Gallagher,et al.,Trustees,	80,972	" "	14,600.00
Gilbert Wait,heirs or devisees,	36,510	" "	6,800.00
Charles T. Gallagher,et al.,Trustees,	62,042	" "	10,000.00
David Benshimol,	72,036	" "	16,000.00
	543,972	" "	97,300.00

and passed the following act taking said lands for park purposes:

In Board of Park Commissioners,

August 7, 1901.

WHEREAS, the undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of and according to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the City of Boston", being chapter 185 of the acts of the year 1875, deem it desirable to take the following described parcels of land for the purposes of a public park:

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the said Board of Park Commissioners,by the authority conferred upon us by the said act, and by the City

Council of said City of Boston which has made the appropriation necessary to cover the estimated expenses of our action in the premises, have taken and hereby do take and locate as and for a public park the following described parcels of land situated in that part of the City of Boston called South Boston, namely:

A parcel of land supposed to belong to William H. Hart, bounded northerly by Columbia Road, 80 feet; easterly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 177 and 27/100 feet; southwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Thomas Hills, 186 and 70/100 feet, and westerly by the same, 8 feet: containing 7,411 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Thomas Hills, bounded northerly by Columbia Road, 22 feet; easterly by land last hereinbefore described, 8 feet; northeasterly by the same, 186 and 70/100 feet; easterly again by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 48 and 70/100 feet; southwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Charles T. Gallagher and others, trustees, 235 and 1/100 feet, and westerly by the same, 13 and 50/100 feet: containing 4,802 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Charles T. Gallagher, Eliza B. Mills, and Isabel G. Burnham, trustees under the will of Choate Burnham, bounded northerly by Columbia Road, by three lines, 507 and 65/100 feet, 50 and 1/100 feet, and 182 feet; easterly by land last hereinbefore described, 13 and 50/100 feet; northeasterly by the same, 235 and 1/100 feet; easterly again by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 214 and 43/100 feet; southeasterly by a curved line of 1677 and 20/100 feet radius, 15 and 23/100 feet; southerly by other land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 330 and 81/100 feet; southwesterly by Vale street, 660 and 78/100 feet: containing 253,861 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to an owner or owners unknown, being all that portion of Vale street lying southeasterly of Columbia Road, and bounded northerly by Columbia Road, 58 and 88/100 feet; northeasterly by land last hereinbefore described, 660 and 78/100 feet; southerly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 60 and 49/100 feet; southwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Charles T. Gallagher and others, trustees, 658 and 62/100 feet: containing 26,388 square feet, more or less.

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A parcel of land supposed to belong to Charles T. Gallagher, Eliza B. Mills, and Isabel G. Burnham, trustees under the will of Choate Burnham, bounded northerly by Columbia Road, 155 and 81/100 feet; northeasterly by Vale street, 658 and 62/100 feet; southerly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 246 and 80/100 feet; southwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from the heirs or devisees of Gilbert Wait, by two lines, 478 and 32/100 feet and 87 feet; southeasterly by the same, 12 feet; again southwesterly by the same, 27 and 47/100 feet: containing 80,972 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to the heirs or devisees of Gilbert Wait, bounded northwesterly by Columbia Road, 26 and 46/100 feet; northerly by the same, 42 and 3/100 feet; northeasterly by land last hereinbefore described, 27 and 47/100 feet; northwesterly by the same, 12 feet; again northeasterly by the same, by two lines, 87 feet and 478 and 32/100 feet; southerly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 72 and 16/100 feet; southwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Charles T. Gallagher and others, trustees, by two lines, 454 and 4/100 feet and 113 feet: containing 36,510 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Charles T. Gallagher, Eliza B. Mills, and Isabel G. Burnham, trustees under the will of Choate Burnham, bounded northwesterly by Columbia Road,125 feet; northeasterly by land last hereinbefore described, by two lines, 113 feet and 454 and 4/100 feet; southerly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 150 and 80/100 feet; southwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from David Benshimol, 450 and 84/100 feet:containing 62,042 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to David Benshimol, bounded northwesterly by Columbia Road, 229 and 50/100 feet; northeasterly by land last hereinbefore described, 450 and 84/100 feet; southerly by land formerly taken by the City of Boston for a public park, 285 and 20/100 feet; southwesterly by the same, 235 and 5/100 feet: containing 72,036 square feet, more or less.

All of said parcels of land are shown on a plan signed by C. E. Putnam, Assistant Engineer, dated August 7, 1901, on file in the office of said Commissioners;a copy whereof is to be filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton, Laban Pratt,
Jas. M. Prendergast. The Board of Park
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A report was received from the Superintendent regarding the relocation of the Boston Elevated Railway tracks in the vicinity of the railroad bridge on Columbia Road. Mr. Putnam submitted a plan by which a change in the alignment of the tracks may be avoided, by reversing such trolley poles as require removal; and the matter was laid over.

A communication from Austin Bigelow in regard to having Rogers Park put in condition for games of base-ball and foot-ball was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Councilman Patrick J. Shiels in regard to John Mahoney's raft at the Strandway, and a letter from the Superintendent in regard to the same, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 19, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 4 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Prendergast being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report regarding the request of Louis T. Howard for information as to the public privileges in the floats at the Marine Park boat landing; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report as to complaints of disorderly conduct of visitors at Marine Park, also a report on the examination of Mr.Bow's books to August 1st, which were read and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted Assistant Engineer Putnam's report to him that a feed-wire has been erected by the Boston Elevated Railway Company on the Company's poles in Columbia Road, from Dudley street to near Quincy street; and a communication was sent to the Company in regard to the matter.

Orders of the Board of Aldermen requesting a report as to why work has not been started on the completion of the Strand-

way, also that the Strandway, from Old Harbor to O street, be properly lighted, were received and replies sent to the Mayor.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting an estimate of the cost of constructing a park adjoining Border, Condor, and Meridian streets, East Boston, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Board of Street Commissioners for approval of plan of a proposed street from Worthington street to the Tremont Entrance of the Fens, was received, and it was

VOTED, that the plan showing the location, direction, width, and grade of a proposed street from Worthington street to the Tremont Entrance of the Back Bay Fens, dated August 14,1901, be approved.

A request of Mrs. Huntington Smith for approval of design of a fountain horse trough, which the Animal Rescue League desires to place in Edward Everett Square, was received and it was

VOTED, to approve the design of the fountain, and to authorize the Secretary to issue a permit for its erection in Edward Everett Square.

A request of the Board of Election Commissioners for leave to place voting booths upon Charlestown Playground, Prince Street Playground, and on Commonwealth avenue at Berkeley and Fairfield streets. was received and it was

VOTED, that the Election Commissioners be authorized to place voting booths on Charlestown Playground, Prince Street Playground, and on Commonwealth avenue at Berkeley and Fairfield streets, in a manner satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks; provided that they be placed there not earlier than the day before the State election and be removed not later than the second day after the Municipal election.

A request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of pole location on Charlestown Playground was received,and it was

VOTED, that the West End Street Railway Company be authorized to erect a pole in Charlestown Playground, in accordance with a plan by A.L.Plimpton, Civil Engineer, dated August 10, 1901, said pole to be removed upon notice from this Board.

A communication from David Benshimol, requesting a hearing in regard to the value of land taken from him for the Strandway, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Joseph Lee, enclosing a bill for the

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shelter for Columbus Avenue Playground, was received, together with a report from the Superintendent; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Nathaniel B.Doggett requesting that, in taking land for an addition to Chestnut Hill Park, the rear line of his lot be followed, instead of a line parallel to and 150 feet from Commonwealth avenue, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to remove the path running to the lookout near the cove at Leverett Pond,and to remove the stones on the lower side of the path at the head of the cove.

VOTED. that such young and small trees as, in the judgment of Professor Sargent, are injuring more valuable and larger ones,on Commonwealth avenue, shall be cut down, under his direction, by the Superintendent.

Lee F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 7, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On recommendation of the Superintendent he was authorized to provide Mystic, Fellows Street, and Christopher Gibson playgrounds with sand-courts, swings, teter-boards, and other simple contrivances which would not be dangerous to small children, at an estimated expense of $400.

Communications from Joseph Lee, Secretary of a Committee of the Civic League, requesting that Albert L. Cross and C.A. Boardman be appointed instructors at Columbus Avenue Playground; also that said Committee be authorized to carry on said playground during the year 1902, were received and it was

VOTED, to appoint Albert L. Cross and C. A. Boardman instructors at the Columbus Avenue Playground, without pay.

VOTED, that the Secretary notify the Committee of the Civic

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League that the authority given the Committee March 6,1901 to carry on a playground at the Columbus Avenue grounds, subject to revocation at any time, covers the season of 1902.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to widen and grade Walnut avenue, on the park land, between Seaver street and the Walnut avenue entrance to Franklin Park, and build a wall on the line of the proposed widening; also to remove the carriage step at the Overlook, Franklin Park, and carry the Overlook steps out to the line of the gutter; also to grade two mounds on the Parkman place and finish the loaming of the east bank of Jamaica Pond; also to complete the boundary walk of Olmsted Park,between Huntington avenue and Pine Bank; also to provide the loam needed to complete the boundary plantation of Franklin Field along Stratton street and Blue Hill avenue; also to remove the duck-house in Franklin Park to the rear of one of the sheds, and to pull down the old propagating-house and grade the ground preparatory to planting in the spring.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Mary Lorden, widow of Dennis Lorden, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

VOTED, that the vote of July 31, appointing James L.Walsh to the position of instructor at Charlesbank, to take effect September 14, be rescinded; and that Mr. H. C. McGrath be appointed instructor on probation.

A communication from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells proposing that Miss Cutler's salary be increased to $1100 per annum,was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 18, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase a drilling and a pipe-cutting machine, at an expense of $220.

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On recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

VOTED, to fix the salary of Miss Cutler, Superintendent of the Charlesbank women's gymnasium, at nine hundred dollars per annum, from October 1, the arrangements regarding the summer and winter sessions to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication was received from Arthur W. Bowditch submitting plans of the building to be erected at the corner of Boylston entrance and Hemenway street, for the Carlton Hotel Trust, for approval of the Board, and a copy of a letter from Charles Francis Adams in regard to the same. The matter was laid over pending the placing of restrictions upon their land by the owners of the proposed building.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company requesting approval of plan for relocation of poles on Columbia Road at the N.Y.N.H.& H.R.R. bridge, was received and it was

VOTED, that the West End Street Railway Company be permitted to erect and maintain five poles on Columbia Road, near the N.Y.N.H.& H.R.R. bridge, for the support of its trolley wires, as shown by red dots on a plan signed by A.L.Plimpton, C. E., dated September 13, 1901; on condition that the feed-wires between Hancock street and Quincy street be put underground, and the temporary poles on the south side of Columbia Road be removed.

Executive Circular, number 25, stating that City Hall and the Departments will be closed on Thursday, September 19, to show due respect to President McKinley, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the parks and playgrounds be closed on Thursday, September 19, in token of mourning for the death of the President.

A communication from the Street Commissioners relating to the relocation of Walter street on lands of the Arboretum and West Roxbury Parkway, was received and it was

VOTED, that whereas the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, acting under the provisions of chapter 488 of the acts of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed in the year 1901, entitled "An act to provide for widening Walter street in the City of Boston", proposes to widen said Walter street to a width not exceeding sixty feet

in the manner shown on a plan entitled "Plan and profile showing relocation and established grade of Walter street, West Roxbury, from Centre street to South street, City of Boston, Walter street, West Roxbury, July 31, 1901, William Jackson, City Engineer",which said plan is deposited in the office of said Board of Street Commissioners, and for the purposes of such widening to take from the President and Fellows of Harvard College two certain parcels of land situate on the easterly side of said Walter street and included within the Arnold Arboretum, so called, one of said parcels containing twelve hundred and sixty-four square feet and adjoining a cemetery of said City, and the other containing eighteen hundred and fifteen square feet and situate near the junction of said Walter street with Centre street, all as shown on said plan;

AND, WHEREAS, it is provided in the leases under which said President and Fellows of Harvard College hold said Arboretum that no public street or highway shall be laid out through or over any part of said Arboretum except in such places, if any, and in such manner as the Park Commissioners of said City and the College shall approve;

AND, WHEREAS, the relocation of said Walter street, as provided by said Board of Street Commissioners is satisfactory to this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board hereby approves the laying out of said relocation of said Walter street over the Arnold Arboretum at the places and in the manner shown on said plan.

VOTED, that this Board, in accordance with the provisions of section thirteen of chapter 185 of the acts of the year 1875, hereby approves the laying out of the relocation of Walter street, over the West Roxbury Parkway, at the places and in the manner shown on a plan of said relocation signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and dated July 31,1901.

A request of the Police Department for leave to parade on Commonwealth avenue, October 30, was received and placed on file, the parade having been abandoned.

A request of W. J. McDonald for permit for overhanging bay windows on Hotel Eastgate, corner Newbury street and the Eastgate, was received and it was

VOTED, that W. J. McDonald, Trustee of the Eastgate Trust, be authorized to project bay windows from the Hotel Eastgate, corner of Newbury street and Charlesgate East, in accordance

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with a plan and elevation thereof, submitted with said request and filed in the office of this Board; upon the condition that said bay windows are included in the construction of the building for which a permit has been issued by this Department, under a bond of indemnity for $1000 filed therewith.

A communication from W. S. Wait, Attorney for estate of Gilbert Wait, acknowledging receipt of the notice of the taking of their land for the Strandway, and declining to accept the sum named in said notice; also acknowledgment from R. P. Tillman of permit to build a wall on the line of Dorchester Park, in rear of his estate on Richview street, were received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the lighting of the various playgrounds where it is proposed to have skating, and a proposal of the Boston Electric Light Company for erecting and removing the poles and lamps in the playgrounds within its circuit, for the sum of $865.00. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to arrange with the Boston Electric Light Company and the Charlestown Gas and Electric Light Company to install the electric lights in the playgrounds as recommended in his report, provided the Lamp Department will light the lamps.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting approval of the plan of proposed connection of South street with Arborway was received, and it was

VOTED, that the plan of proposed connection of South street with Arborway, submitted by the Superintendent of Streets this day, be approved.

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A communication from Antonio Gregori requesting a renewal of his privilege of the sale of refreshments in return for work performed at Castle Island, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the West End Street Railway Company accepting the vote of the Board granting permission to erect and maintain five poles on Columbia Road, and from H. C. McGrath thanking the Board for his appointment as instructor at Charlesbank gymnasium, were received and placed on file.

Leo F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 30, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the state of the appropriations for construction and maintenance, with a recommendation that a further appropriation for construction be asked for, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of constructing a park adjacent to Border and Condor streets, East Boston, as requested by an order of the Board of Aldermen, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a proposition from James A. King to exchange loam for rip-rap stone, Franklin Field, and it was

VOTED, that the proposition be accepted.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that a small heating apparatus be put in the golf house at Franklin Park, at an expense of $175, and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Antonio Gregori and others for an extension of his concession at Castle Island, for three years, and it was

VOTED, that the exclusive right of selling refreshments at

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Castle Island heretofore granted to Antonio Gregori be extended for three years from date, on the same terms as before.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the boat service at Marine Park, recommending that the lease be cancelled, and that the boat service be conducted by the Department; and the Chairman was directed to give to Daniel F. Casey the six months' notice required by the lease for its cancellation.

A communication from W. O. Blaney, asking what rights the owners of houses on Commonwealth avenue have to receive supplies through the passageway running from Beacon street to Charlesgate West, was received and referred to the Chairman to give Mr. E. A. Pillsbury a chance to be heard in the matter of the rule regarding teaming on Charlesgate West.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the drainage of Foster street, Brighton, adjacent to Rogers Park, was received and placed on file.

A communication from P. W. Whittemore offering land in Roslindale for playground purposes, was received and laid over.

A communication from Thomas Roche, Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, with reference to removal of poles at the railroad bridge, Back Bay Fens, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Thomas Hills with reference to an award of damages for land taken on the Strandway, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Lamp Department relative to lighting the various playgrounds, during the skating season, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Board of Police in acknowledgment of the Chairman's letter of September 26, in relation to police protection for Commonwealth avenue, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the pay of H. C. McGrath, athletic instructor at Charlesbank, be fixed at $1000 per annum, beginning September 16, 1901.

Mr. Thomas F. Doherty came before the Board and asked that the drainage ditch at Franklin Field be filled up, as it is a nuisance to the neighborhood. The Commissioners said, in reply, that they would be glad to fill up the ditch as soon as the Street Department completes the conduit now underway, and an appropriation is made by the City Council for the purpose.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 7, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from Sub-Foreman W. L. Tuttle, of a violation of park ordinances by a district chief of the Fire Department and a sub-foreman of the Street Department at Wood Island Park, and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for permission to lay a conduit in the car reservation on Columbia Road, in accordance with plan of C. H. Hile, dated September 28, 1901, and it was

VOTED, that permission be granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay, maintain, and use a terra cotta pipe conduit on Columbia Road, with all necessary manholes and appliances for the purpose of carrying certain wires of its electric system, substantially as shown on a plan by C. H. Hile, dated September 28, 1901, filed with its application for this permit, and in accordance with a cross-section of Columbia Road car reservation and tree space, dated October 7, 1901, signed by C. E. Putnam, Ass't Engineer.

A communication from Thomas F. Doherty regarding the construction of conduits by the Street Department to intercept the brook running parallel with Talbot avenue at Franklin Field, and the intention of Alderman Stewart to offer an order in the Board of Aldermen requesting the Park Commissioners to present an estimate of the cost of filling the brook, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Globe Kindling Wood Company, asking to be informed when it will be necessary for them to vacate the premises on Columbia Road now occupied by them, was received and laid over, pending the giving of a general notice to vacate.

A communication from the Board of Police stating that they had detailed an officer for duty at Roslindale Playground, and also at Billings Field, in reply to the request of the Board of October 3, was received and placed on file.

An application from John G. Benedict for extension of his boat franchise, for two years, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Chairman was authorized to ask the Board of Police to

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appoint Patrick F. McNamara a special police officer, to act in Franklin Field.

A communication was sent to the Board of Police calling attention to a case of assault and robbery in the Fens, and asking for additional police protection in the parks.

Jos. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 14, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of John G. Benedict for an extension of his boat franchise at the Fens and Jamaica Pond until 1904, recommending an extension for one year, and it was

VOTED, that the rights and privileges granted to John G. Benedict, by vote of the Board of February 19, 1901, to conduct a boat service at the Fens and Jamaica Pond, including the sale of refreshments, be extended for one year, on the same terms and conditions.

The Superintendent submitted plans and estimates for a speedway on Norton street, between Harvard and Canterbury streets.

The Superintendent submitted a doctor's bill for services in attending P. F. Crosby, for injuries received by him in the performance of his duties, recommending that the bill be paid, and that Crosby's pay be increased from $2.00 to $2.25 per day. The Board declined to pay the doctor's bill, and

VOTED, that the pay of P.F.Crosby be increased from $2.00 to $2.25 per day.

A request of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for permission to open Charlesgate East, from Newbury street to Commonwealth avenue, for the purpose of laying a new tube main, was received together with a report from the Superintendent approving the location, and it was

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VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit to said Company, to lay said main, on the usual conditions.

An order of the City Council requesting the Board to remove two trees on Roslindale Playground, was received, with a report from the Superintendent recommending the removal of one of the trees only, until the effect of its removal be ascertained. The matter was, thereupon, referred to the Superintendent with authority to remove the tree.

An order of the City Council appropriating $25,000 for the purchase of land between Cottage and Lubec streets, Ward 2, for a playground, was received from the Mayor with a request that the Board report on the advisability of the expenditure; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A petition from William D. Sherman and others, owners of property situated on Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street, running back to a passageway with entrance from Charlesgate West, requesting the Board to adopt a rule permitting the delivery by teams, from Charlesgate West, of all necessary articles required for household use, was received and referred to the Chairman to ask Mr. Pillsbury whether he desired to be heard in the matter.

A communication from the Board of Police, in reply to the letter of this Board of October 8, stating that they would endeavor to give additional police protection, particularly in Franklin Park; and a letter from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, attorney for the West End Street Railway Company, accepting location for terra cotta pipe conduit on Columbia Road, were received and placed on file.

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BOSTON, OCTOBER 21, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the requests of

Mr. Hutchins for leave to beach his boats for the winter, at Marine Park; of the South Boston Yacht Club to store rafts on the beach during the winter; and of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for permission to dump clean snow and ice on Charlestown Playground; and the matters were severally laid over.

A communication from John R. Murphy giving notice of claim filed by James Greeley, for injury to his building by water from Charlestown Heights, and reports thereon by Engineer Putnam and the Superintendent, were received and laid over.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in answer to a letter from the Chairman regarding the manner of constructing Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request from Shepley, Rutan, and Coolidge for approval of plan of house for Samuel Carr, on Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

VOTED, that the elevations above seventy feet on the plan for house for Samuel Carr, on Commonwealth avenue, Messrs Shepley, Rutan, and Coolidge, architects, be approved.

A communication from the New York Department of Parks, relative to the establishment of libraries in public parks, was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the tennis lodge at Franklin Park be kept open during the winter, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Alderman R. A. Jordan, with enclosure from C. T. Gallagher, asking for information as to the amount appropriated for widening Walnut avenue, together with a report from the Superintendent, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of the Sanitary Division of the Street Department for a permit to allow its teams to pass over Audubon Road, from Brookline avenue to Beacon street, also from Hotel Somerset to the Charlesgate, also to and from the residence of R.T.Paine Jr., from Westland avenue, together with a report from the Superintendent, were received and laid over.

Communications from the Fire Commissioner and the Superintendent of streets relative to encroachment on the plantations at Wood Island Park, by employees of said departments, were received and placed on file.

The following regulations governing the opening of street

entrances into the parkways were adopted:

Street entrances to park roads must be located and laid out according to plans approved by the Park Commissioners, and, including all drains, catch-basins, manholes, and changes made necessary by the construction of the entrance, shall be made at the expense of the party for whom or the department for which the entrance is made.

They must be constructed in accordance with specifications therefor prepared and printed in connection with these regulations; and must be satisfactory to the Park Commissioners, and subject to the inspection and supervision of their authorized agents.

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BOSTON, OCTOBER 23, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the financial condition of the Department, showing that the state of the construction appropriation would necessitate the discharge of about two hundred men, at the close of the week, unless arrangements could be made whereby work could be commenced on the Strandway.

The Superintendent was authorized to use the balance of the appropriation for North Brighton Playground for filling and grading.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the City Council appropriating $10,000 for Billings Field and $9550 for a gymnasium at M-Street Playground, also a report on the order of the City Council asking that Edward Everett Square be transferred to the custody of the Superintendent of Public Grounds, severally referred by the Mayor to the Board; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter from the Superintendent of Streets, in answer to a letter from the Chairman in regard to the manner of Constructing Columbia Road; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to ask the Superintendent of Streets to confer with the Superintendent and Engineer of this Department in regard to the same.

An order of the City Council appropriating $25,000 for land between Cottage and Lubec streets, Ward 2, for a playground, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets with reference to vacating premises within the limits of Columbia Road, also regarding the construction of a catch-basin at Forest Hills street and repaving of gutters, were received and placed on file.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the construction of a junction of Longwood avenue with the Parkway were received and placed on file. The Superintendent stated that Mr. Wheeler had agreed to construct the street in accordance with the plan of this Department.

A communication from Dr.Edwin W. Dwight,requesting information as to whether the widening of the entrance to Franklin Park includes the widening of Walnut avenue between Seaver and Ruthven streets, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Commissioner George V.Brower, Borough of Brooklyn Department of Parks, in answer to the inquiry of this Department relative to park libraries, was received and the Chairman was authorized to confer on the matter with the Trustees of the Public Library.

The following proposals for a wall on the Walnut Avenue entrance of Franklin Park were received and placed on file:

Thomas F. Welch,	$743.00
Robert L. Barrett,	1180.00
John A. Rooney,	1290.00

A suggestion of Joseph Lee, that Columbus Avenue Playground be lighted and the grounds watered, received by the hands of Mr. Raymond, was referred to the Superintendent.

The communication of John R. Murphy in regard to the claim of James Greeley for injuries to the foundation of his house by water from Charlestown Heights, was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Murphy in regard to the Superinten-

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dent's suggestion that the Department repair the damage to the cellar wall in settlement of his claim.

The requests of the South Boston Yacht Club to beach rafts and of Mr.Hutchins to store boats on the beach at Marine Park were referred to the Superintendent to arrange for the storage of rafts and boats in accordance with his report.

The request of Deputy Superintendent C. A. Young of the Sanitary Division of the Street Department,that its teams be allowed to pass over park roads in the Fens at Charlesgate and Audubon Road. was considered and the Secretary was directed to reply. that the Board, while regretting the inconvenience to the Sanitary Division, cannot see how it can modify a regulation of so much importance as the one in question.

The request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company to dump clean snow and ice on portions of Charlestown Playground was considered, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board will be pleased to grant the request on the same conditions as last year, and the payment of twenty-five dollars for the privilege.

A communication from Mr. A. E. Pillsbury, in answer to the petition of William H. Sherman and others for a change in the rule regarding the delivery of merchandise by teams in Charlesgate West, was received and placed on file.

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Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 4, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Executive Circular, number 26, requesting that all men in the employ of the City be allowed half-holidays November 5 and December 12, was received and it was

VOTED, that all men in the employ of this Department be granted half-holidays on the days of the state and city elec-

tions, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services.

A communication from Leslie C. Wead returning the agreement providing for restrictions upon land held by the Carlton Hotel Trust, at the corner of Boylston entrance and Hemenway street, was received,and the Secretary was directed to refer the matter to the City Conveyancer for report as to what action on the part of the Trustees is necessary; and whether, in the event of a foreclosure of the mortgages, the parties holding title thereunder would be required to conform to the restrictions,or make a new agreement, in order to retain the right of access to the parkway.

A communication from M. M. Estabrook, of West Roxbury, offering to sell loam at market prices, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Francis A. Cuddihy regarding the vacating of premises,on Columbia Road, occupied by the Mason Materials Supply Company, was received and placed on file.

A request of John G. Benedict for the extension of his franchise for boat service at the Fens and Jamaica Pond, for two years from the expiration of his present permit, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A petition from James W. Loughlin and others that permission be granted Mahoney Brothers & Gill to attach a small raft to the sea-wall east of Marine Park landing, to be used by them in connection with their occupation as fishermen, was presented to the Board by Thomas W. Flood, Councilman Shiel, and Messrs Chance and Toomey for the petitioners. Mr.Flood and others addressed the Board, asking careful consideration of their petition for the reason that Mahoney Brothers & Gill had been there a good many years; that they supplied the restaurants and residents of the Point with fresh fish; that the raft was not unsightly, and that the sentiment at the Point is in favor of retaining the fishermen's raft there, as it is a benefit to yatchsmen and residents to be able to procure fresh fish and bait, there being no other source for procuring the latter. Subsequently the Superintendent submitted a report and the matter was laid over.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 15, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt,and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the concession to Charles Fottler, for the privilege of sharpening skates, etc.,at Franklin Field, be extended for another year; and it was

VOTED, that Charles Fottler be granted permission to sharpen skates and sell skates and skate straps at Franklin Field, for the coming season, under the supervision of the Superintendent.

A request of L. E. Bow for a renewal of the lease of the Head House, Marine Park, on the same terms as the present lease, was received, with a statement from the Superintendent of the business done by Mr.Bow at the Head House during the past season; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to report upon the question of leasing the Head House to Mr. Bow for another term.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Messrs Mahoney & Gill to be allowed to carry on the fishing business at the Strandway; and it was

VOTED, to refuse the petition; and the Chairman was requested to reply to the petitioners in accordance with this vote.

An acknowledgment from the Boston Elevated Railway Company of permission to dump snow and ice on portions of Charlestown Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to the Corporation Counsel's opinion as to the right of the Park Department to construct that part of the Strandway which has been laid out as Columbia Road, was received and placed on file.

A communication from S. H. Hudson, Assistant City Solicitor, regarding the settlement of the petition of William A.Low, on account of the betterment assessment on his estate, corner of Francis and Bellevue streets, for $225 without interest,was received and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of William A. Low for a reduction of the betterments as-

sessed upon his estate on account of the laying out of the Parkway, Muddy River, for the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, without interest.

A communication from City Conveyancer R. P. Owen, relative to the agreement placing restrictions on land of the Trustees of the Carlton Hotel Trust, was received and referred to the Chairman to notify the Trustees in accordance therewith.

VOTED, that the elevations above seventy feet in height, as shown on a plan of the building to be erected on the corner of Boylston entrance and Hemenway street, Arthur H. Bowditch, architect, for the Carlton Hotel Trust, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plan.

A request of Captain H. M. Chittenden, Corps of Engineers in charge of the improvement of Yellowstone National Park, for copies of views of bridges and buildings that would be useful in selecting designs for proposed structures therein, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners requesting a report of the amount of work done in tidewater at Marine Park, under certain specified licenses, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the Metropolitan Park Commission for information relative to public open spaces, was received and referred to the Secretary to furnish the information asked for.

The Superintendent submitted a report calling attention to the fact that the Superintendent of Streets had as yet failed to communicate with the Board regarding the cross-section plan of Columbia Road recommended by this Department; and that work has been commenced on the construction of Columbia Road, by this Department, over the Burnham property, in accordance with said plan. The matter was thereupon referred to the Chairman to communicate again with the Superintendent of Streets.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 25, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mrs.Biggart's claim for damages to her property adjoining Mystic Playground, by ball playing, and the Secretary was directed to confer with the Corporation Counsel in regard to the claim, and to request the Board of Police to enforce the regulation of the Board in regard to ball playing.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a bill for damages to buggy, alleged by James H. Barry to have been caused by the sheep frightening the horse on the Circuit Drive, near the Canterbury-street entrance to Franklin Park. Payment of the bill was refused, and the Secretary was directed to return the same to Mr.Barry,with the statement that the Board is informed that the carelessness of the driver, in approaching the sheep, contributed to the accident; and that the Law Department informs the Board that the City is not liable for such accidents.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of James V. Devine and others, for permission to play golf until January 1; and the Secretary was directed to inform Mr.Devine of the reasons for closing the links, as stated by the Superintendent in his report; and to say that the Board regrets that it cannot accede to the wishes of himself and friends.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. T.P.King's letter to the President of the School Committee, relative to the taking of the School property in Oak square, Brighton,for park purposes, referred by the Mayor to this Board; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent reported that he had had an interview with Mr.Whitney regarding the cross-section plan of Columbia Road; and that all the changes recommended by this Department to Mr. Wheeler would be adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a letter from Mr.Samuel B. Dana granting permission for this Department to enter his grounds to construct an outlet drainage ditch for Billings Field; and the Chairman was instructed to thank Mr.Dana on behalf of the Board.

Two communications from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the cross-section plan for Columbia Road were received and placed on file.

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A communication from Robert Treat Paine relative to the need for a playground in the Lowell School District was received, and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the City Solicitor, stating that he had agreed to settle the case of George S. Cushing and others, for the taking of land for the Strandway, for $21,000 net, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of George S. Cushing and others, for damages for land taken for the Strandway, for the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars, without interest.

A communication from the Art Commission relative to the location for the proposed Johnson fountain was received. The Chairman stated that he had arranged a meeting with the Art Commission to view the proposed site on the following day.

A communication from the Board of Police, relative to additional police at the Arnold Arboretum, was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 9, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Mr. Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Benedict's petition for the extension of his boat franchise, recommending that the term be extended for two years, and that he be authorized to introduce swan boats and canoes into the Fens, as part of his equipment. It was, thereupon

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of October 14, 1901, extending for one year the rights and privileges granted to John G. Benedict February 19, 1901, to conduct a boat service at the Fens and Jamaica Pond, including the sale of refreshments, be amended by making said extention two years upon the same terms

and conditions, and the further condition that swan boats be permitted on the Fens, provided they are built under specifications approved by the Engineer of the Park Department.

The Superintendent reported on Executive Circular, number 27, relative to the vaccination notice from the Board of Health, that he had given instructions that the men report at one or another of the vaccination stations established by the Board of Health.

The Superintendent's report on Mr. Bova's request for renewal of lease of the Head House, Marine Park, was received and laid over.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of completing Charlesgate between Beacon street and Charles river.

A communication from the Franklin Park Assembly, #7576 Knights of Labor, relative to suspensions, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Superintendent place danger signs along Muddy River and at Leverett Pond, forbidding all persons to go upon the ice; and to discontinue the practice of lowering the water in the river during the winter.

The Chairman was instructed to notify the Brookline Park Commissioners of the action of the Board forbidding skating on Leverett Pond, and request their coöperation in preventing the use of the pond for that purpose.

A communication from John R. Murphy stating that Mr. James Greeley accepts the proposition of the Board to repair the foundations of his house, # 341 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown, and agrees to abandon his claim for damages, was received and placed on file.

Executive Circular, number 28, requesting maintenance estimates to be submitted, in accordance with the ordinances, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that Mahoney Brothers be granted permission to locate and maintain a raft on the easterly side of the public landing at Marine Park, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Cross-Country Team of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to run across Franklin Park, December 14, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Plans were received from Mr. Guy Lowell, architect, for the proposed Johnson Memorial fountains, and it was

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VOTED, that Westland entrance to the Fens be selected as the site for the said fountains.

A communication from Acting Superintendent of Streets Emerson approving of the changes in the sidewalks at the Westland entrance to the Fens, shown on the plan of Guy Lowell, architect for fountains to be erected there, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Acting Superintendent of Streets Emerson agreeing to furnish material for the construction of a dike across Franklin Field, to permit of the Field being flooded for skating, on condition that this Department do the grading and remove the material if necessary, was received and the Chairman was authorized to accept the proposition.

A request of Messrs Jones & Meehan for renewal of permit to occupy a portion of the Arborway at South street, for three months, was received and the Secretary was authorized to extend the permit as requested.

A communication from the Board of Police in reply to the request of this Board of November 30, that the police be instructed to enforce the regulations in regard to ball playing at Mystic Playground, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to provisions for coasting at Billings Field, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to construct a toboggan slide at Billings Field, at an expense not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Superintendent was authorized to offer Mrs. Biggart the amount recommended in his report, in settlement of her claim.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 16, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the necessity of suspending about 160 men, on account of the weather and the

nature of the work. It was, thereupon

VOTED, that the Superintendent be directed to reduce the force, in accordance with his recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted the maintenance estimates for the coming year, which were approved, and the Chairman was authorized to transmit them to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a renewal of the lease of the Head House, at Marine Park, to L.E.Bova; and it was

VOTED, to lease the Head House to L. E. Bova for three years, for $1500 per annum, with the approval of the Mayor, and subject to the allowances for interior repairs, lighting, and care of pier and toilet rooms set forth in said report.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the exchange of the Jarecki pipe screwing machine for a larger one, at a cost of about $220; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to make the exchange, in accordance with his recommendation.

The Superintendent reported that Mrs. Biggart had refused to accept the settlement offered by the Board for the damage done to her property by ball playing at Mystic Playground.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the Boston Curling Club, and C. P. Curtis, Jr. and others of the Country Club, asking the Board to set apart a suitable space for a curling rink at Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to provide facilities at Franklin Field for curling, in accordance with the request of the petitioners.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Joseph Lee for the appointment of instructors at Columbus Avenue Playground; and it was

VOTED, that C. A. Boardman and Ralph Goodwin be appointed instructors at Columbus Avenue Playground, and that the Chairman ask the Police Board for their appointment as special police officers.

Executive Circular, number 29, requesting a statement of the loans necessary for the coming calendar year, was received and the Superintendent was requested to prepare estimates for transmission to the Mayor.

Orders from the Common Council requesting that Charlestown and First Street playgrounds be flooded for skating were received and placed on file.

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A request of Frank J. McBarron for permission to keep a small locker building at Savin Hill Beach until spring was received, and it was

VOTED, to grant the request, with the understanding that the building is to be removed as early in the spring as practicable.

A communication from George F. Joyce, Clerk of the Brookline Park Commissioners, relative to prohibiting skating at Leverett Pond, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

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BOSTON, DECEMBER 23, 1901.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 66 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition from Thomas J. Long and others, that coasting be permitted on that part of the traffic road between Centre and South streets which inclines towards Custer street, was received through Alderman Gerry; and it was

VOTED, to permit coasting for this season on the section of the traffic road referred to in said petition.

A notice was received from the Street Department of intention to build sewer works in Walter street, between Centre and South streets.

A request of the Odorless Excavating Company, offering to pay at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum for wharf privileges and stable accommodations on the Strandway, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A City Council order requesting that skating be provided at Wood Island Park was received and placed on file.

A request from the Committee on Charles River Dam for a statement of the present condition and plan adopted for the future development of the public work in charge of this Department, so far as it might relate to the question of a dam across

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Charles River, with notice of a hearing on January 13, was received and referred to the Chairman to furnish the information desired by the Committee.

The lease of the Head House to L. E. Bova for three years, at $1500 per annum, subject to certain allowances for interior repairs, the lighting and care of the public toilet rooms, and the care of the pier, was approved and signed by the Board and transmitted to the Mayor for his approval.

The Chairman was authorized to approve a draft in favor of L. E. Bow for $135.35, in settlement of the accounts under the present lease of the Head House.

A request of the Assessing Department for an estimate of the valuation of the personal property in charge of the Park Department, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Mrs. Winifred Dolan, widow of James Dolan, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

A communication from the Clerk of the Brookline Park Commission, relative to prohibiting skating on Leverett Pond, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Board of Police relative to permitting coasting on the traffic road of the Arborway, and regulating the speed of equestrians on the bridle paths, were received and placed on file.

Letters of acknowledgment from Joseph Lee for the appointment of instructors at Columbus Avenue Playground, and A. J. Selfridge for the provision for curling at Franklin Field, were received and placed on file.

A communication from William H. Woods in regard to the disposition of the school house at Oak square, in the event of its coming into the possession of the Park Department, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 30, 1901..

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A notice was received from the Cambridge Bridge Commission of a meeting at the Mayor's office, December 31, at 3 P.M., to consider plans for shore abutments and approaches at each end of West Boston bridge.

A communication from the Westminster Company, offering land in Brighton for park purposes, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Acting Superintendent of Streets Emerson relative to the request of this Board, that the Street Department rebuild the walls and fences, and do the necessary grading required by the widening of Walter street on park property, was received and placed on file.

An order of the City Council, requesting that Columbus Avenue Playground be flooded for skating, was received and placed on file.

The application of Messrs Collins and Young, for the privilege of building and operating a miniature steam railway, in Franklin and other parks, was received;and the Secretary was directed to notify them, that the Board cannot favorably consider the proposition, as there is no place suitable for the purpose.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the acceptance of the offer of the Odorless Excavating Company, to pay at the rate of $200 per annum, for the use of premises on the Strandway, including storage of scow, on condition that the Company shall vacate the premises not later than March 10;and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary notify the Company that the Board accepts their offer, with the understanding that the premises shall be vacated on or before March 10, 1902.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.